

HOUSE BILL No. 1240

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 5-22-1-2; IC 16-42; IC 27-1; IC 27-4-5-2; IC 27-7-3; IC 27-8; IC 27-13.

Synopsis: Various insurance matters. Makes various changes to the law concerning: (1) pharmacy actions with respect to prescriptions; (2) disclosures of insurer information; (3) insurer examinations; (4) annual audited financial reporting; (5) foreign and alien insurers requirements; (6) insurance producer licensing and continuing education; (7) records of insurer held securities; (8) insurance holding company transactions; (9) insurance administrator licensing; (10) an unauthorized insurers exception in relation to an industrial insured; (11) consistency in compliance with laws by various types of insurers and health maintenance organizations; (12) requirements for discretionary groups for purposes of accident and sickness insurance; and (13) small employer group insurance requirements. Makes conforming amendments. Repeals: (1) definitions of unused terms for purposes of the annual audited financial reporting law; (2) a provision concerning notice of claim recoding by insurance administrators; (3) an obsolete cross reference for purposes of the small employer group insurance law; and (4) the small employer group voluntary reinsurance program law.

Effective: July 1, 2010.

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January 11, 2010, read first time and referred to Committee on Insurance.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning insurance.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 5-22-1-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.217-2007,
2 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 2. Except as provided in this article, this article
4 does not apply to the following:

- 5 (1) The commission for higher education.
- 6 (2) A state educational institution. However, IC 5-22-5-9 and
- 7 IC 5-22-15 apply to a state educational institution.
- 8 (3) Military officers and military and armory boards of the state.
- 9 (4) An entity established by the general assembly as a body
- 10 corporate and politic. However, IC 5-22-15 applies to a body
- 11 corporate and politic.
- 12 (5) A local hospital authority under IC 5-1-4.
- 13 (6) A municipally owned utility under IC 8-1-11.1 or IC 8-1.5.
- 14 (7) Hospitals established and operated under IC 16-22-1 through
- 15 IC 16-22-5, IC 16-22-8, IC 16-23-1, or IC 16-24-1.
- 16 (8) A library board under IC 36-12-3-16(b).
- 17 (9) A local housing authority under IC 36-7-18.



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(10) Tax exempt Indiana nonprofit corporations leasing and operating a city market owned by a political subdivision.

(11) A person paying for a purchase or lease with funds other than public funds.

(12) A person that has entered into an agreement with a governmental body under IC 5-23.

(13) A municipality for the operation of municipal facilities used for the collection, treatment, purification, and disposal in a sanitary manner of liquid and solid waste, sewage, night soil, and industrial waste.

(14) The department of financial institutions established by IC 28-11-1-1.

(15) The insurance commissioner in retaining an examiner for purposes of IC 27-1-3.1-9.

SECTION 2. IC 16-42-19-11.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: **Sec. 11.5. Beginning January 1, 2011, on the request of a patient who is blind (as defined in IC 12-7-2-21(2)) or visually impaired (as defined in IC 12-7-2-198(a)), a pharmacist shall dispense a prescription for a legend drug with a label that:**

(1) complies with the requirements under section 11(a)(1) of this chapter; and

(2) contains the label information on a:

(A) braille label that is affixed to the immediate container in which the drug is delivered; or

(B) recorded audio device that is permanently attached to the immediate container in which the drug is delivered.

SECTION 3. IC 16-42-22-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.204-2005, SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 8. (a) For substitution to occur for a prescription other than a prescription filled under the Medicaid program (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.), the children's health insurance program established under IC 12-17.6-2, or the Medicare program (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.):

(1) the practitioner must:

(A) sign on the line under which the words "May substitute" appear; or

(B) for an electronically transmitted prescription, electronically transmit the instruction "May substitute."; and

(2) the pharmacist must, **before filling the prescription**, inform the customer of the substitution.

(b) This section does not authorize any substitution other than

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1 substitution of a generically equivalent drug product.

2 SECTION 4. IC 27-1-3.1-14 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
3 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 14. (a) Upon the
4 adoption of an examination report under section 11(a)(1) of this
5 chapter, the commissioner shall continue to hold the content of the
6 examination report as confidential information for a period of thirty
7 (30) days except to the extent provided in section 10(b) of this chapter.
8 Thereafter, the report shall be open for public inspection.

9 (b) This chapter does not prevent or prohibit the commissioner from
10 disclosing the content of an examination report, preliminary
11 examination report, or results, or any matter relating thereto, to **the**
12 **National Association of Insurance Commissioners**, the insurance
13 department of any other state or country, or to law enforcement
14 officials of Indiana or any other state or agency of the federal
15 government at any time, if the agency or office receiving the report or
16 matters relating thereto agrees in writing to hold it confidential and in
17 a manner consistent with this chapter.

18 (c) If the commissioner determines that regulatory action is
19 appropriate as a result of any examination, the commissioner may
20 initiate any proceedings or actions authorized by law.

21 (d) This chapter does not limit the commissioner's authority to use
22 and, if appropriate, to make public any final or preliminary examination
23 report, any examiner or company work papers or other documents, or
24 any other information discovered or developed during the course of any
25 examination in the furtherance of any legal or regulatory action that the
26 commissioner may, in the commissioner's sole discretion, consider
27 appropriate.

28 SECTION 5. IC 27-1-3.1-15 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
29 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 15. All working papers,
30 recorded information, documents, and copies thereof produced by,
31 obtained by, or disclosed to the commissioner or any other person in
32 the course of an examination under this chapter **(including trade**
33 **secrets and information obtained from a federal agency, a foreign**
34 **country, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, or**
35 **under another state law)** are confidential for the purposes of
36 IC 5-14-3-4, are not subject to subpoena, and may not be made public
37 by the commissioner or any other person, except to the extent provided
38 in section 14 of this chapter. However, access may also be granted to
39 the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Those parties
40 must agree in writing prior to receiving the information to provide to
41 it the same confidential treatment as required by this section, unless the
42 prior written consent of the company to which it pertains has been

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obtained.

SECTION 6. IC 27-1-3.5-0.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: **Sec. 0.5. The commissioner may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter.**

SECTION 7. IC 27-1-3.5-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "~~commissioner~~" refers to the insurance commissioner appointed under IC 27-1-1-2; "**accountant**" means an independent certified public accountant or accounting firm that is:

- (1) in good standing with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and in all states in which the accountant is licensed to practice;
- (2) Canadian chartered if the insurer audited by the accountant is a Canadian insurer; or
- (3) British chartered if the insurer audited by the accountant is a British insurer.

SECTION 8. IC 27-1-3.5-1.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: **Sec. 1.2. As used in this chapter, "affiliate" means a person that, through one (1) or more intermediaries:**

- (1) controls;
 - (2) is controlled by; or
 - (3) is under common control with;
- a specified person.

SECTION 9. IC 27-1-3.5-1.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: **Sec. 1.4. As used in this chapter, "audit committee" means:**

- (1) a committee or equivalent body established by the board of directors of an entity to oversee:
 - (A) the accounting and financial reporting processes; and
 - (B) audits of financial statements;
 of an insurer or insurer group;
- (2) if elected by the controlling person of an entity that controls an insurer group and solely for purposes of this chapter, a committee or equivalent body established by the board of directors of the entity to oversee:
 - (A) the accounting and financial reporting processes; and
 - (B) audits of financial statements;
 of the entity; or

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(3) if subdivision (1) or (2) does not apply, the entire board of directors of the insurer or entity that controls an insurer.

SECTION 10. IC 27-1-3.5-2.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: **Sec. 2.8. (a) As used in this chapter, "independent member" means an individual who is a member of a committee or board established by an entity and meets all of the following requirements:**

(1) The individual does not, other than in the individual's capacity as a member of an audit committee, a board of directors, or another board committee of the entity, accept any consulting fee, advisory fee, or other compensation from the entity.

(2) The individual is not associated with:

(A) an affiliate of the entity; or

(B) a subsidiary of the entity or affiliate.

(b) An individual who is not an independent member under subsection (a) may be considered to be an independent member for purposes of an audit committee if:

(1) another law requires participation on a board of directors by an individual who is not an independent member;

(2) the individual is a member of the audit committee by virtue of the individual's participation on the board of directors described in subdivision (1); and

(3) the individual is not an officer or employee of the insurer or an affiliate of the insurer.

SECTION 11. IC 27-1-3.5-3.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: **Sec. 3.1. As used in this chapter, "insurer" refers to an insurer that is authorized under this title to make any kind of insurance in Indiana.**

SECTION 12. IC 27-1-3.5-3.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: **Sec. 3.2. As used in this chapter, "insurer group" means a group of insurers that are:**

(1) authorized to transact insurance business in Indiana and subject to the reporting requirements of IC 27-1-23; or

(2) identified by the management personnel of an insurer to assess the effectiveness of the insurer's internal control over financial reporting.

SECTION 13. IC 27-1-3.5-3.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS

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[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: **Sec. 3.3. (a) As used in this chapter, "internal control over financial reporting" means a process that is:**

- (1) implemented by the board of directors, management personnel, and other personnel of an entity; and**
- (2) designed to provide reasonable assurance that the entity's financial statements are reliable.**

(b) The term includes policies and procedures that:

- (1) pertain to the maintenance of records to accurately and fairly reflect, in reasonable detail:**

- (A) transactions involving; and**

- (B) disposition of;**

assets; and

- (2) provide reasonable assurance that:**

- (A) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements;**

- (B) receipts and expenditures are made only when authorized by management personnel or directors; and**

- (C) unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of assets that could have a material effect on financial statements is prevented or detected in a timely manner.**

SECTION 14. IC 27-1-3.5-3.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: **Sec. 3.4. As used in this chapter, "SEC" refers to the federal Securities and Exchange Commission.**

SECTION 15. IC 27-1-3.5-3.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: **Sec. 3.6. As used in this chapter, "Section 404" refers to:**

- (1) Section 404; and**

- (2) SEC regulations promulgated under Section 404; of the federal Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.**

SECTION 16. IC 27-1-3.5-3.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: **Sec. 3.7. As used in this chapter, "Section 404 report" means a report of the management of an entity concerning internal control over financial reporting and the related attestation report of the entity's accountant.**

SECTION 17. IC 27-1-3.5-3.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: **Sec. 3.8. As used in this chapter, "SOX compliant entity" means an entity that complies with all of the following provisions of the federal Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002:**

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(1) The preapproval requirements of Section 201 (Section 10A(i) of the federal Securities Exchange Act of 1934).

(2) The audit committee independence requirements of Section 301 (Section 10A(m)(3) of the federal Securities Exchange Act of 1934).

(3) The internal control over financial reporting requirements of Section 404 (Item 308 of SEC regulation S-K).

SECTION 18. IC 27-1-3.5-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 4. (a) As used in this chapter, "work papers" means the records kept by ~~the independent auditor~~ **an accountant** of the procedures followed, the tests performed, the information obtained, and the conclusions reached ~~by the independent auditor's~~ **related to the accountant's** audit of the financial statements of ~~a domestic an~~ insurer.

(b) The term includes any audit planning documentation, work programs, analyses, memoranda, letters of confirmation and representation, abstracts of company documents, and schedules or commentaries that:

(1) are prepared or obtained by the ~~independent auditor~~ **accountant** in the course of ~~any the accountant's~~ audit of the financial statements of ~~a domestic an~~ insurer; and

(2) support the ~~independent auditor's~~ **accountant's** opinion. ~~on the domestic insurer's financial statements.~~

SECTION 19. IC 27-1-3.5-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 5. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), this chapter applies to all ~~domestic~~ insurers.

(b) ~~A domestic~~ **An** insurer that has:

(1) direct written premiums of less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in any calendar year; ~~and~~

(2) less than one thousand (1,000) policyholders or certificate holders of ~~directly~~ **direct** written policies nationwide at the end of a calendar year; **and**

(3) **assumed premiums under contracts or treaties of reinsurance of less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in a calendar year;**

is exempt from this chapter with respect to that year. However, the commissioner may require compliance with this chapter upon a finding that compliance with this chapter is necessary for the commissioner to carry out a statutory responsibility.

(c) A foreign or an alien insurer that files an audited financial report in another state ~~or country pursuant to that~~ **under the other** state's or

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country's requirement for **filing of annual** audited financial reports is exempt from sections 6 through 13 of this chapter, except sections 7.2 and 7.4 of this chapter, with respect to the year of that the annual audited financial report, from the requirement to file an audited financial report with the commissioner under this chapter, if:

(1) the commissioner has found the other state's or country's requirement for **filing of** audited financial reports to be substantially similar to the requirements of this chapter;

(2) ~~copies a copy~~ of the **annual** audited financial report, the report on significant deficiencies in **communication of** internal controls, **control related matters noted in an audit**, and the accountant's letter of qualifications filed with the other state or country are filed with the commissioner in accordance with the filing dates set forth in sections 8, 6, 12, and 12.5 of this chapter; and

(3) a copy of a notification of an adverse financial condition report that is filed with the other state is filed with the commissioner within the time specified in section 11 of this chapter.

(d) A foreign or an alien insurer that files a report of internal control over financial reporting in another state is exempt from filing the same report under this chapter if:

(1) the other state has reporting requirements substantially similar to this chapter; and

(2) the report is filed with the commissioner of insurance of the other state in a timely manner.

This (e) Subsection (c) or (d) does not prevent or limit the commissioner from ordering, conducting, or performing examinations of foreign or alien insurers under the rules, regulations, and practices, and procedures of the department under IC 27-1-3.1.

SECTION 20. IC 27-1-3.5-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 6. (a) ~~A domestic An~~ insurer shall have an audit by an independent auditor every year **accountant** and shall file an audited financial report with the commissioner every year **before not later than the** June 1 immediately following the December 31 that ends the year reported on in the financial report. The commissioner may require a domestic an insurer to file an audited financial report earlier than June 1 if the commissioner gives the domestic insurer ninety (90) days advance notice of the earlier filing date.

(b) An extension of the June 1 filing date may be granted by the commissioner for thirty (30) days upon a showing by the insurer and its

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1 ~~independent auditor the insurer's accountant~~ of the reasons for
 2 requesting the extension and a determination by the commissioner that
 3 there is good cause for an extension. The request for an extension must
 4 be submitted in writing at least ten (10) days before the due date and
 5 must include sufficient detail to permit the commissioner to make an
 6 informed decision with respect to the requested extension.

7 **(c) If an extension is granted under subsection (b), a similar**
 8 **extension of thirty (30) days is granted for the filing of the insurer's**
 9 **report of internal control over financial reporting.**

10 **(d) An insurer required to file an annual audited financial**
 11 **report under this chapter shall designate a group of individuals**
 12 **constituting the insurer's audit committee.**

13 SECTION 21. IC 27-1-3.5-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 14 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 7. (a) The annual
 15 audited financial report filed by a ~~domestic an~~ insurer under this
 16 chapter shall report:

17 (1) the financial position of the ~~domestic~~ insurer as of the end of
 18 the most recently ended calendar year; and

19 (2) the results of the ~~domestic~~ insurer's operations, cash flow, and
 20 changes in capital and surplus for that year;

21 in conformity with statutory accounting practices prescribed, or
 22 otherwise permitted, by the department of insurance **of the state of**
 23 **domicile.**

24 **(b) The financial statements included in the annual audited financial**
 25 **report filed by a domestic insurer under this chapter shall be examined**
 26 **by an independent auditor. The independent auditor shall conduct its**
 27 **examination of the domestic insurer's financial statements in**
 28 **accordance with generally accepted auditing standards; and shall**
 29 **consider such other procedures illustrated in the Financial Condition**
 30 **Examiner's Handbook published by the National Association of**
 31 **Insurance Commissioners as the independent auditor considers**
 32 **necessary.**

33 **(c) (b) An annual audited financial report filed by a domestic an**
 34 **insurer under this chapter must include the following:**

35 (1) The report of the insurer's ~~independent auditor.~~ **accountant.**

36 (2) A balance sheet reporting admitted assets, liabilities, capital,
 37 and surplus.

38 (3) A statement of operations.

39 (4) A statement of cash flow.

40 (5) A statement of changes in capital and surplus.

41 (6) Notes to financial statements. The notes must:

42 **(A)** be those required by the National Association of Insurance

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Commissioners' annual statement instructions and ~~any other~~
~~notes required by statutory accounting practices, which must~~
~~the National Association of Insurance Commissioners'~~
~~accounting practices and procedures manual; and~~
~~(B) include the following:~~

~~(A) a reconciliation of differences, if any, between the audited~~
~~statutory financial statements included in the audited~~
~~financial report and the annual financial statement filed by the~~
~~insurer under IC 27-1-20-21, including a written description of~~
~~the nature of these differences.~~

~~(B) A summary of the ownership and relationships of the~~
~~domestic insurer and all affiliated companies.~~

~~(d) (c)~~ The financial statements included in ~~a domestic an~~ insurer's
~~annual~~ audited financial report shall be prepared in the same form, and
using language and groupings substantially the same, as the relevant
sections of the annual statement of the insurer filed with the
commissioner under IC 27-1-20-21.

~~(e) (d)~~ The financial statements included in ~~a domestic an~~ insurer's
~~annual~~ audited financial report must be comparative, presenting the
amounts as of December 31 of the year of the report and comparative
amounts as of the immediately preceding December 31. However, in
the first year in which an insurer is required to file an ~~annual~~ audited
financial report under this chapter, the comparative data may be
omitted.

SECTION 22. IC 27-1-3.5-7.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: **Sec. 7.2. (a) This section does not**
apply to:

- (1) a foreign or an alien insurer that has a certificate of
authority to transact insurance business in Indiana; or
- (2) an insurer that is a SOX compliant entity; or
- (3) a wholly owned subsidiary of a SOX compliant entity.

(b) Each member of an insurer's audit committee must be a
member of the board of directors of:

- (1) the insurer; or
- (2) an entity elected under subsection (d) as described in
section 1.4(2) of this chapter.

(c) If an independent member of an audit committee ceases to
be independent for reasons beyond the member's reasonable
control, the member, with notice from the responsible entity to the
commissioner, may remain an audit committee member until the
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(1) the date of the next annual meeting of the responsible entity; or

(2) one (1) year after the occurrence of the event that caused the member to cease being an independent member.

(d) If the controlling person of an insurer elects to designate an audit committee for purposes of this chapter, the controlling person shall provide written notice:

(1) in a timely manner before filing of the insurer's annual audited financial report; and

(2) including a description of the basis for the election; to the insurance commissioner that regulates each affected insurer. The controlling person may change an election by providing written notice of the change to the applicable insurance commissioner, including a description of the basis for the change. An election is effective until rescinded.

(e) The audit committee of an insurer is directly responsible for the:

(1) appointment, compensation, and oversight of the work; and

(2) resolution of financial reporting disagreements with the insurer's management personnel; of an accountant in the accountant's preparation or issuance of the insurer's annual audited financial report or related work under this chapter. An accountant reports directly to the audit committee of the insurer.

(f) An audit committee shall require the accountant that performs for an insurer an audit required by this chapter to timely report to the audit committee in accordance with Statement on Auditing Standards No. 114 of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, including all of the following:

(1) All significant accounting policies and material permitted practices.

(2) All material alternative disclosures and treatments of financial information within statutory accounting principles that have been discussed with management personnel of the insurer, ramifications of the use of the alternative disclosures and treatments, and the treatment preferred by the accountant.

(3) Other material written communications between the accountant and the management personnel of the insurer, including a management letter or schedule of unadjusted differences.

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(g) If:

(1) an insurer is a member of an insurance holding company system; and

(2) any substantial differences among insurer members in the insurance holding company system are identified to the audit committee of the insurance holding company system;

the reports required by subsection (f) may be provided to the audit committee on an aggregate basis for all insurer members.

(h) The proportion of independent members of an audit committee must meet or exceed the following requirements:

(1) If the insurer's immediately preceding calendar year direct written and assumed premiums are not more than three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000), there is no minimum requirement for independent members.

(2) If the insurer's immediately preceding calendar year direct written and assumed premiums are more than three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000) and not more than five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000), at least fifty percent (50%) of members must be independent members.

(3) If the insurer's immediately preceding calendar year direct written and assumed premiums are more than five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000), at least seventy-five percent (75%) of members must be independent members.

(i) An insurer that has direct written and assumed premiums (excluding premiums reinsured with the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and National Flood Insurance Program) equal to less than five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) may apply to the commissioner for a waiver from the requirements of this section based on hardship.

(j) If the commissioner has granted an insurer a waiver from the requirements of subsection (i), the insurer shall, with the insurer's annual statement filing, file evidence of the relief with the:

(1) states in which the insurer is authorized to do business; and

(2) National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

If a nondomestic state accepts electronic filing with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, the insurer shall file the grant of the waiver in an electronic format that is acceptable to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

SECTION 23. IC 27-1-3.5-7.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: **Sec. 7.4. (a) A director or an officer of**

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an insurer shall not, directly or indirectly, in connection with an audit, review, or communication required under this chapter:

- (1) make or cause to be made a materially false or misleading statement to an accountant; or
- (2) omit, or cause another person to omit, a material fact necessary to avoid misleading an accountant.

(b) A director or an officer, or another person acting under the direction of a director or an officer, of an insurer shall not, directly or indirectly, coerce, manipulate, mislead, or fraudulently influence an accountant engaged in the performance of an audit under this chapter if the director, officer, or other person knows or should know that the action could result in rendering the insurer's financial statements materially misleading. Actions prohibited under this subsection include actions to coerce, manipulate, mislead, or fraudulently influence the accountant:

- (1) to issue or reissue a report on an insurer's financial statements that is not warranted due to material violations of statutory accounting principles, generally accepted auditing standards, or other professional or regulatory standards;
- (2) not to perform audit, review, or other procedures required under generally accepted auditing standards or other professional standards;
- (3) not to withdraw an issued report; or
- (4) not to communicate matters to the insurer's audit committee.

SECTION 24. IC 27-1-3.5-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 8. (a) ~~A domestic~~ An insurer that is required by this chapter to file an annual audited financial ~~reports~~ **report** shall, not more than sixty (60) days after becoming subject to the requirement, register in writing with the commissioner the name and address of the ~~independent auditor~~ **accountant** retained by the insurer to conduct the annual ~~audits~~ **audit** required by this chapter. ~~The domestic insurer shall continuously ensure that the information provided to the commissioner under this section is accurate, and shall inform the commissioner in writing of any change in the identity or address of its independent auditor.~~ **An insurer that does not have an accountant on retainer on July 1, 2010, shall register the name and address of the insurer's retained accountant at least six (6) months before the first date after June 30, 2010, by which the insurer's first annual audited financial report is to be filed.**

(b) ~~A domestic~~ An insurer shall obtain a letter from its independent

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1 **auditor the insurer's accountant** that:

2 (1) states that the ~~independent auditor~~ **accountant** is aware of the
3 provisions of IC 27 and the administrative rules of the department
4 of insurance **of the insurer's state of domicile** that relate to
5 ~~auditing~~, accounting and financial matters; and

6 (2) affirms that the ~~independent auditor~~ **accountant** will express
7 ~~its~~ **the accountant's** opinion on the financial statements ~~of the~~
8 ~~domestic insurer~~ in the terms of their conformity to the statutory
9 accounting practices prescribed or otherwise permitted by the
10 department, specifying such exceptions as the ~~independent~~
11 ~~auditor~~ **accountant** may believe appropriate.

12 The ~~domestic~~ insurer shall file a copy of this letter with the
13 commissioner.

14 (c) If an ~~independent auditor~~ **accountant** that **served as the**
15 **accountant for the immediately preceding annual** audited ~~the most~~
16 ~~recent~~ financial report filed by the insurer with the commissioner under
17 this chapter subsequently ceases to be the ~~independent auditor~~
18 **accountant** for the insurer, the insurer shall:

19 (1) not more than five (5) business days after the cessation of the
20 ~~independent auditor's~~ **accountant's** services, notify the
21 commissioner in writing of the ~~identity and address of the new~~
22 ~~independent auditor~~, **cessation**;

23 (2) not more than ten (10) business days after the notification
24 given ~~in~~ **under** subdivision (1), furnish the commissioner with a
25 separate letter that states whether in the twenty-four (24) months
26 preceding the ~~engagement~~ **cessation** of the ~~new independent~~
27 ~~auditor~~ **accountant's services** there were any disagreements
28 between the insurer and ~~its~~ **the former independent auditor**
29 **accountant** on any matter of accounting principles or practices,
30 financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure,
31 which, if not resolved to the satisfaction of the former
32 ~~independent auditor~~ **accountant**, would have caused the former
33 ~~independent auditor~~ **accountant** to make reference to the subject
34 matter of the disagreement in **connection with** the former
35 ~~independent auditor's~~ **statement of its accountant's** opinion. ~~on~~
36 ~~the insurer's financial report~~, and, if there was such a
37 ~~disagreement~~, ~~provides a description of the disagreement~~.
38 Disagreements required to be reported under this subdivision
39 include those at the decision making level that were resolved:

40 (A) to the former accountant's satisfaction; and

41 (B) not to the former accountant's satisfaction; and

42 (3) comply with subsection (d).

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For the purposes of this subsection, "decision making level" refers to the personnel of the insurer who are responsible for the presentation of the insurer's financial statements and the personnel of the ~~independent auditor accountant~~ who are responsible for rendering the ~~opinion of the auditor on the~~ insurer's **annual audited** financial report.

(d) ~~A domestic~~ An insurer subject to the provisions of subsection (c) shall:

(1) provide its former ~~independent auditor accountant~~ with a copy of the letter furnished to the commissioner under subsection (c)(2); and

(2) request in writing its former ~~independent auditor accountant~~ to furnish a letter addressed to the insurer stating whether the former ~~independent auditor accountant~~ agrees with the statements contained in the letter furnished to the commissioner under subsection (c)(2) and, if not, stating the reasons for the former ~~independent auditor's accountant's~~ disagreement.

The ~~domestic~~ insurer shall furnish the commissioner with a copy of any responsive letter ~~it the insurer~~ receives from ~~its the insurer's~~ former independent auditor within five (5) business days after the insurer receives the ~~accountant together with the insurer's own~~ letter.

SECTION 25. IC 27-1-3.5-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 9. **(a) An accountant that audits an insurer's annual audited financial report filed under section 6 of this chapter must be recognized by the commissioner to be qualified to serve as the insurer's accountant.**

~~(a)~~ **(b)** For the purposes of this chapter, the commissioner may not recognize as ~~an independent auditor~~ any **a qualified accountant** an individual or a firm that: ~~is not:~~

~~(1)~~ a certified public accountant (if an individual) or made up of certified public accountants (if a firm); or

~~(2)~~ in good standing with:

~~(A)~~ the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; and

~~(B)~~ all of the authorities that license certified public accountants and certified public accounting firms in the states in which the individual or firm is licensed to practice;

(1) is not an accountant under section 1 of this chapter; or

(2) has entered into an indemnification agreement or a release from liability with respect to the audit of an insurer.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the commissioner shall recognize an accountant as qualified if the accountant:

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(1) is an accountant under section 1 of this chapter; and
 (2) conforms to the standards of the accountant's profession
 as contained in the:

(A) Code of Professional Ethics and Pronouncements of the
 American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; and

(B) Rules of Professional Conduct of the Indiana State
 Board of Accountancy;

or a similar code.

(d) A qualified accountant may enter into an agreement with an insurer to have disputes between the accountant and the insurer related to an audit resolved by mediation or arbitration. However, if a delinquency proceeding is commenced against the insurer under IC 27-9, a mediation or arbitration provision operates only at the option of the statutory successor of the insurer.

(b) (e) A partner or other individual who is primarily responsible for rendering a report conducting an audit may not act in that capacity for more than seven (7) five (5) consecutive years. ~~An~~ The individual who has been responsible for rendering a report for seven (7) years is disqualified from acting in that or a similar capacity for the same company or its insurance subsidiaries or affiliates for two (2) a period of five (5) consecutive years. ~~A domestic~~ An insurer may, not later than December 1 of the calendar year, apply to the commissioner and request to be exempted for relief from the seven (7) year five (5) year rotation requirement of this subsection on the basis of unusual circumstances. The commissioner may consider the following factors in determining if relief should be granted:

(1) The number of partners, expertise of the partners, or number of insurance clients in the currently registered firm.

(2) The premium volume of the ~~domestic~~ insurer.

(3) The number of jurisdictions in which the ~~domestic~~ insurer transacts business.

(c) (f) The commissioner may not recognize as ~~an independent auditor or a qualified accountant~~, nor accept an annual audited financial report prepared in whole or part by, a person who: an individual to whom any of the following applies:

(1) The individual has been convicted of fraud, bribery, a violation of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act under federal law (18 U.S.C. 1961 through 1968) or state law ~~(IC 35-45-6)~~ or any dishonest conduct or practices under federal or state law.

(2) The individual has been found to have violated the insurance law of this state with respect to any previous reports submitted

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under this chapter. ~~or~~

(3) **The individual** has demonstrated a pattern or practice of failing to detect or disclose material information in previous reports filed under this chapter.

(g) **The commissioner may not recognize as a qualified accountant, nor accept an annual audited financial report prepared in whole or part by, a person that provides to an insurer, contemporaneously with the audit, any of the following nonaudit services:**

(1) **Bookkeeping or other services related to the accounting records or financial statements of the insurer.**

(2) **Financial information systems design and implementation.**

(3) **Appraisal or valuation services, fairness opinions, or contribution in kind reports.**

(4) **Actuarially oriented advisory services involving the determination of amounts recorded in the financial statements of the insurer. This subdivision does not include the accountant's assistance to an insurer in understanding the methods, assumptions, and inputs used in the determination of amounts recorded in the financial statements if it is reasonable to conclude that the assistance will not be subject to audit procedures during an audit of the insurer's financial statements. Additionally, this subdivision does not include the issuance by the accountant's actuary of an actuarial opinion or certification concerning an insurer's reserves if the following conditions are met:**

(A) **Neither the accountant nor the actuary has performed any management functions or made any management decisions for the insurer.**

(B) **The insurer has competent personnel, or engages a third party actuary, to estimate the reserves for which management personnel take responsibility.**

(C) **The actuary tests the reasonableness of the reserves after the insurer's management personnel have determined the amount of the reserves.**

(5) **Internal audit outsourcing services.**

(6) **Management functions or human resources.**

(7) **Broker, dealer, investment adviser, or investment banking services.**

(8) **Legal services or expert services unrelated to the audit.**

(9) **Any other services that the commissioner determines by rule are impermissible.**

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(h) An insurer that has direct written and assumed premiums totaling less than one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) in a calendar year may request relief from subsection (g) by filing with the commissioner a written statement describing the reasons the insurer should be exempt from subsection (g). The commissioner may grant the relief if, upon review of the written statement, the commissioner finds that compliance with subsection (g) would constitute a financial or organizational hardship on the insurer.

(i) The commissioner shall not recognize a person as an accountant qualified for a particular insurer if the person employed, as the person's partner or senior manager, an individual who:

(1) was involved in the audit in the individual's capacity as a partner or senior manager;

(2) served:

(A) as a member of the board;

(B) as the president;

(C) as the chief executive officer;

(D) as the controller;

(E) as the chief financial officer;

(F) as the chief accounting officer; or

(G) in another position equivalent to a position specified in clauses (A) through (F);

for the insurer; and

(3) participated in the audit of the insurer in the individual's capacity described in subdivision (2) during the one (1) year period preceding the date on which the most current statutory opinion is due.

However, an insurer may apply to the commissioner for relief from this subsection on the basis of unusual circumstances.

(j) A qualified accountant that performs an audit may perform for an insurer other nonaudit services, including tax services, that are not described in subsection (g) or that do not conflict with subsection (g)(2) if the performance of the nonaudit services is preapproved by the insurer's audit committee under subsection (k).

(k) Audit services and nonaudit services provided by an accountant to an insurer must be preapproved by the insurer's audit committee. However, the requirement for preapproval of nonaudit services may be waived if:

(1) the insurer is:

(A) a SOX compliant entity; or

(B) a wholly owned subsidiary of a SOX compliant entity;

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or

(2) all of the following apply:

(A) The aggregate amount paid for the nonaudit services provided to the insurer constitutes not more than five percent (5%) of the total amount of fees paid by the insurer to the accountant during the fiscal year in which the nonaudit services are provided.

(B) The insurer did not recognize at the time the accountant was engaged to serve as the insurer's accountant that the services were nonaudit services.

(C) Before completion of the audit, the nonaudit services are promptly brought to the attention of the audit committee and approved by:

(i) the audit committee; or

(ii) one (1) or more members of the audit committee who are the members of the board of directors to whom authority to grant approvals has been delegated by the audit committee.

(d) (l) The commissioner may conduct a hearing under ~~IC 4-21.5~~ **IC 4-21.5-3** to determine whether an independent auditor engaged by a domestic insurer accountant is sufficiently independent of that domestic insurer to be capable of exercising independent judgment and qualified and, after considering the evidence presented, may:

(1) rule that the accountant is not qualified for purposes of expressing an objective the accountant's opinion on the financial statements in the annual audited financial report filed by the insurer under this chapter; If the commissioner determines that the auditor is not sufficiently independent of the insurer, the commissioner shall and

(2) require the insurer to replace the auditor accountant with another that is sufficiently independent of accountant whose relationship with the insurer is qualified within the meaning of this chapter.

(m) An audit committee may delegate to one (1) or more designated members of the audit committee the authority to grant a preapproval required under subsection (k). The decisions of a member to whom this authority is delegated must be presented to the full audit committee at each scheduled meeting of the audit committee.

(n) If the commissioner has granted an insurer any relief under subsection (e), (h), or (i), the insurer shall, with the insurer's annual statement filing, file evidence of the relief with the:

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(1) states in which the insurer is authorized to do business;
and

(2) National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

If a nondomestic state accepts electronic filing with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, the insurer shall file the evidence of the relief in an electronic format that is acceptable to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

SECTION 26. IC 27-1-3.5-9.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 9.5. (a) An audit required under section 6 of this chapter must be conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

(b) In accordance with AU Section 319 of the professional standards of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, an accountant conducting an audit under this chapter shall:

(1) obtain an understanding of internal control sufficient to plan the audit;

(2) for an insurer required to file a report of internal control over financial reporting under this chapter, consider the most recently available financial report under Statement on Auditing Standards No. 102 of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, in planning and performing the audit of the statutory financial statements; and

(3) if considered necessary by the accountant, consider the procedures in the National Association of Insurance Commissioners Financial Condition Examiners Handbook.

SECTION 27. IC 27-1-3.5-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 10. ~~A domestic~~ An insurer may apply in writing to the commissioner for approval to ~~satisfy the requirements of this chapter by filing~~ file audited consolidated or combined financial statements instead of separate annual audited financial statements if the insurer is part of a group of insurance companies that utilizes a pooling or one hundred percent (100%) reinsurance agreement that affects the solvency and integrity of the insurer's reserves and the insurer cedes all of the insurer's direct and assumed business to the pool. If ~~a domestic~~ an insurer whose application is approved elects to file a consolidated return, the insurer shall file, with its financial statements, a columnar consolidating or combining ~~schedule~~, **worksheet**, which must meet the following requirements:

(1) Amounts shown on the consolidated or combined **annual**

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audited financial report shall be shown on the ~~schedule~~
worksheet.

(2) Amounts for each insurer subject to this section shall be stated separately.

(3) Noninsurance operations ~~shall~~ **may** be shown on the ~~schedule~~
worksheet on a combined or an individual basis.

(4) Explanations of consolidating and eliminating entries shall be included.

(5) A reconciliation shall be included of any differences between the amounts shown in the individual insurer columns of the ~~schedule~~ **worksheet** and comparable amounts shown on the annual statements of the insurers.

SECTION 28. IC 27-1-3.5-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 11. (a) ~~A domestic~~ **An** insurer required to file **an** annual audited financial ~~reports~~ **report** under this chapter shall require ~~its independent auditor~~ **the insurer's accountant** to report in writing to the board of directors or the ~~board of director's~~ audit committee, not more than five (5) business days after making ~~a the~~ determination, the ~~independent auditor's~~ **accountant's** determination that:

(1) the ~~domestic~~ insurer has materially misstated to the commissioner the financial condition of the insurer as of the date of the balance sheet being ~~examined~~ **audited** by the ~~independent auditor;~~ **accountant;** or

(2) the ~~domestic~~ insurer does not meet the minimum capital and surplus requirements ~~of Indiana of this title~~ as of the date of the balance sheet being ~~examined~~ **audited** by the ~~independent auditor;~~ **accountant.**

The ~~domestic~~ insurer ~~who that~~ has received a report under this section shall forward a copy of the report to the commissioner within five (5) business days after receipt of the report and shall provide the ~~independent~~ accountant making the report with evidence of the report being furnished to the commissioner. An ~~independent auditor who~~ **accountant that** does not receive the evidence that the report was filed with the commissioner within the required five (5) business days shall furnish the commissioner a copy of the report within the next five (5) business days. An ~~independent auditor may~~ **accountant is not** be liable to any person for a statement made in connection with this subsection, if the statement is made in good faith compliance with this subsection.

(b) If the ~~independent auditor~~ **accountant** of a ~~domestic an~~ insurer, after the filing of the insurer's **annual** audited financial report under this chapter, becomes aware of facts that, if the ~~independent auditor~~

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accountant had been aware of the facts when writing ~~its~~ **the accountant's** report, might have affected the ~~independent auditor's~~ **accountant's** report that was included in the insurer's **annual** audited financial report, the ~~independent auditor~~ **accountant** shall take such action as is prescribed in ~~the~~ **Volume 1, Section AU 561 of the** Professional Standards of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

SECTION 29. IC 27-1-3.5-12 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 12. (a) ~~A domestic~~ **An** insurer required by this chapter to file an **annual** audited financial report with the commissioner shall also furnish the commissioner with:

- (1) a written ~~report (or a letter on reportable conditions)~~ **describing the significant deficiencies communication regarding any unremediated material weakness (as defined in Statement on Auditing Standard No. 112 of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants) in the insurer's internal control structure; if internal control deficiencies were over financial reporting as of the December 31 immediately preceding the filing** noted by the ~~domestic insurer's independent auditor in~~ **connection with its accountant during the audit; and**
- (2) a written ~~discussion~~ **description** of any remedial action taken or proposed ~~in connection with~~ **to correct any unremediated material weakness communicated in the written report; and**
- (3) **if no material weakness is noted by the accountant during the audit, a written communication noting that fact.**

(b) The written ~~report communication~~ **description** required under subsection (a) must be filed not later than sixty (60) days after the filing of the annual audited financial ~~statements report.~~

SECTION 30. IC 27-1-3.5-12.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 12.5. ~~The independent auditor~~ **An insurer's accountant** shall furnish the ~~domestic~~ insurer, in connection with and for inclusion in the filing of the annual audited financial report, a letter stating the following:

- (1) That the ~~independent auditor~~ **accountant** is independent with respect to the insurer and conforms to the standards of the ~~independent auditor's~~ **accountant's** profession as contained in the Code of Professional Ethics and Pronouncements of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the rules of professional conduct of the Indiana state board of accountancy **or a similar code.**
- (2) The:

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(A) general background and experience; and
 (B) experience in audits of insurers;
 of the staff assigned to the audit. The letter must also state whether each member of the staff is ~~a certified public an~~ **accountant**. This subdivision does not prohibit the ~~independent auditor from using~~ **accountant's use of** the staff as considered appropriate where such use is consistent with the standards prescribed by generally accepted auditing standards.

(3) That the ~~independent auditor~~ **accountant** understands that the:
 (A) **annual audited financial report and the accountant's opinion on the annual audited financial report will be filed with the commissioner in compliance with this chapter; and**
 (B) **commissioner** will be relying on the ~~independent auditor's annual audited financial report and the independent auditor's opinion in the report for filed report and opinion in the~~ monitoring and regulation of the financial ~~positions~~ **position** of the insurers: **insurer**.

(4) That the ~~independent auditor~~ **accountant** consents to the requirements of section 13 of this chapter and **consents and** agrees to make available for review by the commissioner, the commissioner's designee, or the commissioner's appointed agent, any of the ~~independent auditor's~~ **accountant's** work papers. ~~and significant communications.~~

(5) That the ~~independent auditor~~ **accountant** is properly licensed by an appropriate state licensing authority and is a member in good standing in the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

(6) That the ~~independent auditor~~ **accountant** is in compliance with the requirements of section 9 of this chapter.

SECTION 31. IC 27-1-3.5-13 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 13. (a) ~~A domestic An~~ insurer required to file an audited financial report under this chapter shall require its ~~independent auditor~~ **the insurer's accountant** to make available for review by department examiners:

(1) all work papers prepared in the conduct of the ~~independent auditor's examination;~~ **accountant's audit;** and

(2) any ~~record of significant~~ communications, related to the audit, between the ~~independent auditor~~ **accountant** and the insurer; ~~that took place at (A) the offices of the insurer, (B) the department, (C) the offices of the independent auditor; or (D) any other reasonable place designated by the commissioner.~~

~~The~~ (b) **An insurer described in subsection (a)** shall require the

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independent auditor accountant to retain the audit work papers and communications until the department has filed a report on the examination covering the period of the audit but not later than seven (7) years after the date of the audit report.

(b) (c) Department examiners, in conducting a review of an independent auditor's work papers, under this section, may make and retain copies photocopies of the pertinent audit work papers. and communications. A review of an independent auditor's work papers and communications shall be under this section is considered an investigation, and all work papers and communications obtained or copied during the course of that the investigation are confidential under IC 27-1-3.1-15.

SECTION 32. IC 27-1-3.5-13.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 13.8. (a) An insurer that is required to file an audited financial report under this chapter and has annual direct written and assumed premiums (excluding premiums reinsured with the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and National Flood Insurance Program) equal to at least five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) shall:

(1) prepare the insurer's or insurer group's report of internal control over financial reporting as of the December 31 immediately preceding the report; and

(2) file the report prepared under subdivision (1) with the commissioner, along with the communication required under section 12 of this chapter.

(b) The commissioner may require an insurer that has any amount of annual direct written and assumed premiums to file the insurer's report of internal controls over financial reporting if the insurer:

(1) meets one (1) or more of the standards of an insurer considered to be in hazardous financial condition as determined by the commissioner according to rules adopted under IC 4-22-2; or

(2) experiences an RBC level (as defined in IC 27-1-36-18) event.

(c) An insurer or insurer group that:

(1) is subject to subsection (a) or (b);

(2) is:

(A) directly subject to Section 404;

(B) part of a holding company system whose parent is directly subject to Section 404;

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(C) not directly subject to Section 404 and is a SOX compliant entity; or

(D) a member of a holding company system with a parent company that:

(i) is not directly subject to Section 404; and

(ii) is a SOX compliant entity; and

(3) includes a description of all of the insurer's or insurer group's internal controls over financial reporting that have a material impact on the preparation of the parts of the insurer's or insurer group's audited statutory financial statements described in section 7(b)(2) through 7(b)(6) and section 7(c) and 7(d) of this chapter in the insurer's or parent's Section 404 report;

may satisfy the requirement of subsection (a) or (b) by filing the insurer's, insurer group's, or parent's Section 404 report and an affirmation from the insurer's or insurer group's management personnel that all material processes with respect to the preparation of the insurer's or insurer group's audited financial statements in subdivision (3) are included with the Section 404 report.

(d) If an insurer or insurer group has internal controls over financial reporting that have a material impact on the preparation of the insurer's or insurer group's audited statutory financial statements and a description of the internal controls over financial reporting is not included in the Section 404 report that is filed by the insurer or insurer group, the insurer or insurer group may file:

(1) the insurer's or insurer group's report of internal control over financial reporting as described in subsection (a); or

(2) a Section 404 report and the insurer's or insurer group's report of internal control over financial reporting as described in subsection (a);

for the internal controls over financial reporting that are not included in the Section 404 report.

(e) An insurer's or insurer group's report of internal control over financial reporting must include the following:

(1) A statement that management personnel are responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting.

(2) A statement that management personnel have established internal control over financial reporting accompanied by:

(A) an assertion concerning whether:

(i) after diligent inquiry by; and

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- (ii) to the best of the knowledge of;
the management personnel, the insurer's or insurer
group's internal control over financial reporting is
effective to provide reasonable assurance that the financial
statements are reliable and prepared in accordance with
statutory accounting principles; and
(B) a disclosure of any unremediated material weakness:
(i) in the insurer's or insurer group's internal control
over financial reporting; and
(ii) identified by management personnel as of the
December 31 immediately preceding the date of the
report.
- (3) A statement that briefly describes the approach or process
by which management personnel evaluate the effectiveness of
the insurer's or insurer group's internal control over financial
reporting.
- (4) A statement that briefly describes the scope of work that
is included in the report and whether any of the insurer's or
insurer group's internal controls over financial reporting are
excluded from the report.
- (5) A statement regarding inherent limitations of the insurer's
or insurer group's internal control over financial reporting
system.
- (6) Signatures of the chief executive officer and the chief
financial officer or individuals holding equivalent positions.
- (f) An insurer's or insurer group's management personnel:
- (1) shall:
- (A) document; and
(B) make available upon a financial condition examination;
the basis for the assertions made under subsection (e);
- (2) may partially base the assertions made under subsection
(e) on review, monitoring, and testing of the insurer's or
insurer group's internal control over financial reporting that
is undertaken in the normal course of management activities;
and
- (3) shall determine the:
- (A) nature of the insurer's or insurer group's internal
control over financial reporting system; and
(B) nature and extent of documentation;
that are used to support the assertions made under subsection
(e) in a cost effective manner, including assembly of or
reference to existing documentation.

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(g) For purposes of this section, if an unremediated material weakness exists in an insurer's or insurer group's internal control over financial reporting, the insurer's or insurer group's management personnel shall not conclude that the internal control over financial reporting is effective to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of the insurer's or insurer group's financial statements in accordance with statutory accounting principles.

(h) A report of an insurer's or insurer group's internal control over financial reporting and supporting documentation provided during a financial condition examination is confidential.

SECTION 33. IC 27-1-3.5-14 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 14. (a) In response to a written application from a domestic insurer, the commissioner may grant an exemption from compliance with this chapter if the commissioner finds, upon review of the application, that compliance with this chapter would constitute a financial or an organizational hardship upon the domestic insurer. An exemption may be granted at any time for a specified period.

(b) Within ten (10) days after the denial of a domestic insurer's written request for an exemption from this chapter, the insurer may, in writing, request a hearing on its application for an exemption. The hearing shall be held under ~~IC 4-21.5~~ IC 4-21.5-3.

SECTION 34. IC 27-1-3.5-16 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 16. (a) A domestic insurer that:

(1) is required to file an annual audited financial report under this chapter; and

(2) fails to file an audited annual financial report before July 1 or any other deadline established by the commissioner for the insurer under this chapter without having obtained an extension; is subject to a civil penalty of fifty dollars (\$50) per day until the report is received prescribed in rules adopted by the commissioner.

(b) Except as provided in subsections (d), (e), and (f), a domestic insurer shall comply with this chapter, as amended by amendments effective July 1, 2010, for the year ending December 31, 2010, and each subsequent year unless otherwise permitted by the commissioner.

(c) Except as provided in subsections (d), (e), and (f), a foreign or alien insurer shall comply with this chapter, as amended effective July 1, 2010, for the year ending December 31, 2010, and each year thereafter, unless otherwise permitted by the

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1 commissioner.

2 (d) The requirements of section 9(e) of this chapter are in effect
3 for an annual audited financial report for the year ending
4 December 31, 2010, and each subsequent year.

5 (e) The requirements of section 7.2 of this chapter, as amended
6 effective July 1, 2010, apply beginning for the year ending
7 December 31, 2010. However, an insurer or insurer group that, on
8 December 31, 2010, is described in:

9 (1) section 7.2(h)(1) of this chapter and in a subsequent
10 calendar year is described in section 7.2(h)(2) or 7.2(h)(3) of
11 this chapter; or

12 (2) section 7.2(h)(2) of this chapter and in a subsequent
13 calendar year is described in section 7.2(h)(3) of this chapter;
14 due to a change in premium or business combination has one (1)
15 calendar year following the year during which the change occurs
16 to comply with the requirements specified in section 7.2(h) of this
17 chapter for percentage of independent members of the insurer's or
18 insurer group's audit committee.

19 (f) Except as provided in subsection (e), section 13.8 of this
20 chapter applies beginning for the year ending December 31, 2010.
21 However, an insurer or insurer group that, on December 31, 2010,
22 is not subject to section 13.8 of this chapter and in a subsequent
23 calendar year becomes subject to section 13.8 of this chapter due
24 to a change in premium or business combination shall comply with
25 section 13.8 of this chapter beginning two (2) calendar years
26 following the calendar year during which the change occurs.

27 SECTION 35. IC 27-1-3.5-18 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
28 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 18. (a) In the case of a
29 British or Canadian insurer, the annual audited financial report refers
30 to the annual statement of total business on the form filed by the
31 company with its domiciliary supervision authority audited by an
32 ~~independent auditor~~ **accountant**.

33 (b) For a British or Canadian insurer, the letter required under
34 section 8 of this chapter shall state that the accountant is aware of the
35 ~~requirement~~ **requirements** relating to the annual audited ~~statement~~
36 **financial report** filed with the commissioner under section 6 of this
37 chapter and shall affirm that the opinion expressed is in conformity
38 with those requirements.

39 SECTION 36. IC 27-1-9-12 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
40 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 12. (a) In case of a
41 merger or consolidation between a domestic and a foreign company,
42 the articles of merger or consolidation shall be regarded as executed by

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the proper officers of said foreign company when such officers are duly authorized to execute same through such action on the part of the directors, shareholders, members, or policyholders of said foreign company as may be required by the laws of the state where the same is incorporated; and upon execution, said articles of merger or consolidation shall be submitted to the commissioner of insurance or other officer at the head of the insurance department of the state where such foreign company is incorporated. No such merger or consolidation shall take effect until it shall have been approved by the insurance official of the state where said foreign company is incorporated nor until a certificate of his approval has been filed in the office of the department of insurance of the state of Indiana. Such submission to and approval by the proper official of such other state shall not be required unless the same are required by the laws of such foreign state. The domestic company involved in such merger or consolidation shall not through anything contained in this section be relieved of any of the procedural requirements enumerated in the preceding sections of this article.

(b) No merger or consolidation between a domestic and a foreign company shall take effect, unless and until the surviving or new company, if such is a foreign company, ~~shall file with the department a power of attorney appointing the commissioner and his successors in office; the attorney for service of said foreign company, upon whom all lawful process against said company may be served. Said power of attorney shall be irrevocable so long as said foreign company has outstanding in this state any contract of insurance; or other obligation whatsoever; and shall by its terms so provide. Service upon the commissioner shall be deemed sufficient service upon the company.~~ **complies with IC 27-1-17-4(7).**

SECTION 37. IC 27-1-15.6-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 7. (a) Unless denied licensure under section 12 of this chapter, a person who has met the requirements of sections 5 and 6 of this chapter shall be issued an insurance producer license. An insurance producer may receive qualification for a license in one **(1)** or more of the following lines of authority:

(1) Life — insurance coverage on human lives, including benefits of endowment and annuities, that may include benefits in the event of death or dismemberment by accident and benefits for disability income.

(2) Accident and health or sickness — insurance coverage for sickness, bodily injury, or accidental death that may include

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benefits for disability income.

(3) Property — insurance coverage for the direct or consequential loss of or damage to property of every kind.

(4) Casualty — insurance coverage against legal liability, including liability for death, injury, or disability, or for damage to real or personal property.

(5) Variable life and variable annuity products — insurance coverage provided under variable life insurance contracts and variable annuities.

(6) Personal lines — property and casualty insurance coverage sold to individuals and families for primarily noncommercial purposes.

(7) Credit — limited line credit insurance.

(8) Title — insurance coverage against loss or damage on account of encumbrances on or defects in the title to real estate.

(9) Any other line of insurance permitted under Indiana laws or administrative rules.

(b) A person who requests and receives qualification under subsection (a)(5) for variable life and annuity products:

(1) is considered to have requested; and

(2) shall receive;

a life qualification under subsection (a)(1). **The insurance producer's license document must clearly indicate that the life qualification received under this subsection includes a qualification for variable life and variable annuity products.**

(c) A resident insurance producer may not request separate qualifications for property insurance and casualty insurance under subsection (a).

(d) An insurance producer license remains in effect unless revoked or suspended, as long as the renewal fee set forth in section 32 of this chapter is paid and the educational requirements for resident individual producers are met by the due date.

(e) An individual insurance producer who:

(1) allows the individual insurance producer's license to lapse; and

(2) completed all required continuing education before the license expired;

may, not more than twelve (12) months after the expiration date of the license, reinstate the same license without the necessity of passing a written examination. A penalty in the amount of three (3) times the unpaid renewal fee shall be required for any renewal fee received after the expiration date of the license. However, the department of

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insurance may waive the penalty if the renewal fee is received not more than thirty (30) days after the expiration date of the license.

(f) A licensed insurance producer who is unable to comply with license renewal procedures due to military service or some other extenuating circumstance may request a waiver of the license renewal procedures. The producer may also request a waiver of any examination requirement or any other fine or sanction imposed for failure to comply with the license renewal procedures.

(g) An insurance producer license shall contain the licensee's name, address, personal identification number, date of issuance, lines of authority, expiration date, and any other information the commissioner considers necessary.

(h) A licensee shall inform the commissioner of a change of address not more than thirty (30) days after the change by any means acceptable to the commissioner. The failure of a licensee to timely inform the commissioner of a change in legal name or address shall result in a penalty under section 12 of this chapter.

(i) To assist in the performance of the commissioner's duties, the commissioner may contract with nongovernmental entities, including the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), or any affiliates or subsidiaries that the NAIC oversees, to perform ministerial functions, including the collection of fees related to producer licensing, that the commissioner and the nongovernmental entity consider appropriate.

(j) The commissioner may participate, in whole or in part, with the NAIC or any affiliate or subsidiary of the NAIC in a centralized insurance producer license registry through which insurance producer licenses are centrally or simultaneously effected for states that require an insurance producer license and participate in the centralized insurance producer license registry. If the commissioner determines that participation in the centralized insurance producer license registry is in the public interest, the commissioner may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 specifying uniform standards and procedures that are necessary for participation in the registry, including standards and procedures for centralized license fee collection.

SECTION 38. IC 27-1-15.6-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 9. (a) An individual who applies for an insurance producer license in Indiana and who was previously licensed for the same lines of authority in another state is not required to complete any preclicensing education or examination. However, the exemption provided by this subsection is available only if:

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(1) the individual is currently licensed in the other state; or
 (2) the application is received within ninety (90) days after the
 cancellation of the applicant's previous license and:

(A) the other state issues a certification that, at the time of
 cancellation, the applicant was in good standing in that state;
 or

(B) the state's Producer Database records that are maintained
 by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, its
 affiliates, or its subsidiaries, indicate that the producer is or
 was licensed in good standing for the line of authority
 requested.

(b) If a person is licensed as an insurance producer in another state
 and moves to Indiana, the person, to be authorized to act as an
 insurance producer in Indiana, must make application to become a
 resident licensee under section 6 of this chapter within ninety (90) days
 after establishing legal residence in Indiana. However, the person is not
 required to take prelicensing education or examination to obtain a
 license for any line of authority for which the person held a license in
 the other state unless the commissioner determines otherwise by rule.

(c) An individual who:

(1) has attained the designation of chartered life underwriter,
 certified financial planner, ~~or~~ chartered financial consultant, **or**
another nationally recognized designation approved by the
commissioner or the National Association of Insurance
Commissioners; and

(2) applies for an insurance producer license in Indiana requesting
 qualification under sections:

(A) 7(a)(1);

(B) 7(a)(2); or

(C) 7(a)(5);

of this chapter;

is not required to complete prelicensing education and is required to
 take only the portion of the examination required under section 5(b) of
 this chapter that pertains to Indiana laws and rules.

(d) An individual who: ~~has:~~

(1) **has** attained the designation of chartered property and casualty
 underwriter, certified insurance counselor, ~~or~~ accredited advisor
 in insurance, **or another nationally recognized designation**
approved by the commissioner or the National Association of
Insurance Commissioners; and

(2) applies for an insurance producer license in Indiana requesting
 qualification under sections:

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1 (A) 7(a)(3);
 2 (B) 7(a)(4); or
 3 (C) 7(a)(6);
 4 of this chapter;
 5 is not required to complete prelicensing education and is required to
 6 take only the portion of the examination required under section 5(b) of
 7 this chapter that pertains to Indiana laws and rules.

8 **(e) An individual who:**

9 **(1) has attained a bachelor's degree in insurance; and**
 10 **(2) applies for an insurance producer license in Indiana**
 11 **requesting qualification under section 7(a)(1) through 7(a)(6)**
 12 **of this chapter;**

13 **is not required to complete prelicensing education and is required**
 14 **to take only the part of the examination required under section**
 15 **5(b) of this chapter that pertains to Indiana laws and rules.**

16 SECTION 39. IC 27-1-15.6-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.27-2007,
 17 SECTION 26, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 18 JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 12. (a) For purposes of this section, "permanently
 19 revoke" means that:

20 (1) the producer's license shall never be reinstated; and
 21 (2) the former licensee, after the license revocation, is not eligible
 22 to submit an application for a license to the department.

23 (b) The commissioner may **reprimand**, levy a civil penalty, place
 24 an insurance producer on probation, suspend an insurance producer's
 25 license, revoke an insurance producer's license for a period of years,
 26 permanently revoke an insurance producer's license, or refuse to issue
 27 or renew an insurance producer license, or take any combination of
 28 these actions, for any of the following causes:

29 (1) Providing incorrect, misleading, incomplete, or materially
 30 untrue information in a license application.

31 (2) Violating:

32 (A) an insurance law;
 33 (B) a regulation;
 34 (C) a subpoena of an insurance commissioner; or
 35 (D) an order of an insurance commissioner;
 36 of Indiana or of another state.

37 (3) Obtaining or attempting to obtain a license through
 38 misrepresentation or fraud.

39 (4) Improperly withholding, misappropriating, or converting any
 40 monies or properties received in the course of doing insurance
 41 business.

42 (5) Intentionally misrepresenting the terms of an actual or

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proposed insurance contract or application for insurance.

(6) Having been convicted of a felony.

(7) Admitting to having committed or being found to have committed any unfair trade practice or fraud in the business of insurance.

(8) Using fraudulent, coercive, or dishonest practices, or demonstrating incompetence, untrustworthiness, or financial irresponsibility in the conduct of business in Indiana or elsewhere.

(9) Having an insurance producer license, or its equivalent, denied, suspended, or revoked in any other state, province, district, or territory.

(10) Forging another's name to an application for insurance or to any document related to an insurance transaction.

(11) Improperly using notes or any other reference material to complete an examination for an insurance license.

(12) Knowingly accepting insurance business from an individual who is not licensed.

(13) Failing to comply with an administrative or court order imposing a child support obligation.

(14) Failing to pay state income tax or to comply with any administrative or court order directing payment of state income tax.

(15) Failing to satisfy the continuing education requirements established by IC 27-1-15.7.

(16) Violating section 31 of this chapter.

(17) Failing to timely inform the commissioner of a change in legal name or address, in violation of section 7(h) of this chapter.

(c) The commissioner shall refuse to:

(1) issue a license; or

(2) renew a license issued;

under this chapter to any person who is the subject of an order issued by a court under IC 31-14-12-7 or IC 31-16-12-10 (or IC 31-1-11.5-13(m) or IC 31-6-6.1-16(m) before their repeal).

(d) If the commissioner refuses to renew a license or denies an application for a license, the commissioner shall notify the applicant or licensee and advise the applicant or licensee, in a writing sent through regular first class mail, of the reason for the denial of the applicant's application or the nonrenewal of the licensee's license. The applicant or licensee may, not more than sixty-three (63) days after notice of denial of the applicant's application or nonrenewal of the licensee's license is mailed, make written demand to the commissioner for a hearing before the commissioner to determine the reasonableness of the

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1 commissioner's action. The hearing shall be held not more than thirty
 2 (30) days after the applicant or licensee makes the written demand, and
 3 shall be conducted under IC 4-21.5.

4 (e) The license of a business entity may be suspended, revoked, or
 5 refused if the commissioner finds, after hearing, that a violation of an
 6 individual licensee acting on behalf of the partnership or corporation
 7 was known or should have been known by one (1) or more of the
 8 partners, officers, or managers of the partnership or corporation and:

9 (1) the violation was not reported to the commissioner; and

10 (2) no corrective action was taken.

11 (f) In addition to or in lieu of any applicable denial, suspension, or
 12 revocation of a license under subsection (b), a person may, after a
 13 hearing, be subject to the imposition by the commissioner under
 14 subsection (b) of a civil penalty of not less than fifty dollars (\$50) and
 15 not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). A penalty imposed under
 16 this subsection may be enforced in the same manner as a civil
 17 judgement.

18 (g) A licensed insurance producer or limited lines producer shall,
 19 not more than ten (10) days after the producer receives a request in a
 20 registered or certified letter from the commissioner, furnish the
 21 commissioner with a full and complete report listing each insurer with
 22 which the licensee has held an appointment during the year preceding
 23 the request.

24 (h) If a licensee fails to provide the report requested under
 25 subsection (g) not more than ten (10) days after the licensee receives
 26 the request, the commissioner may, in the commissioner's sole
 27 discretion, without a hearing, and in addition to any other sanctions
 28 allowed by law, suspend any insurance license held by the licensee
 29 pending receipt of the appointment report.

30 (i) The commissioner shall promptly notify all appointing insurers
 31 and the licensee regarding any suspension, revocation, or termination
 32 of a license by the commissioner under this section.

33 (j) The commissioner may not grant, renew, continue, or permit to
 34 continue any license if the commissioner finds that the license is being
 35 used or will be used by the applicant or licensee for the purpose of
 36 writing controlled business. As used in this subsection, "controlled
 37 business" means:

38 (1) insurance written on the interests of:

39 (A) the applicant or licensee;

40 (B) the applicant's or licensee's immediate family; or

41 (C) the applicant's or licensee's employer; or

42 (2) insurance covering:

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- (A) the applicant or licensee;
 - (B) members of the applicant's or licensee's immediate family;
 - or
 - (C) either:
 - (i) a corporation, limited liability company, association, or partnership; or
 - (ii) the officers, directors, substantial stockholders, partners, members, managers, employees of such a corporation, limited liability company, association, or partnership;
- of which the applicant or licensee or a member of the applicant's or licensee's immediate family is an officer, director, substantial stockholder, partner, member, manager, associate, or employee.

However, this section does not apply to insurance written or interests insured in connection with or arising out of credit transactions. A license is considered to have been used or intended to be used for the purpose of writing controlled business if the commissioner finds that during any twelve (12) month period the aggregate commissions earned from the controlled business exceeded twenty-five percent (25%) of the aggregate commission earned on all business written by the applicant or licensee during the same period.

(k) The commissioner has the authority to:

- (1) enforce the provisions of; and
- (2) impose any penalty or remedy authorized by;

this chapter or any other provision of this title against any person who is under investigation for or charged with a violation of this chapter or any other provision of this title, even if the person's license or registration has been surrendered or has lapsed by operation of law.

(l) For purposes of this section, the violation of any provision of IC 28 concerning the sale of a life insurance policy or an annuity contract shall be considered a violation described in subsection (b)(2).

(m) The commissioner may order a licensee to make restitution if the commissioner finds that the licensee has committed a violation described in:

- (1) subsection (b)(4);
- (2) subsection (b)(7);
- (3) subsection (b)(8); or
- (4) subsection (b)(16).

(n) The commissioner shall notify the securities commissioner appointed under IC 23-19-6-1(a) when an administrative action or civil proceeding is filed under this section and when an order is issued under this section denying, suspending, or revoking a license.

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SECTION 40. IC 27-1-15.7-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.173-2007,
SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 2. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), to
renew a license issued under IC 27-1-15.6,

(1) a resident insurance producer must complete at least ~~twenty~~
~~(20)~~ **a minimum number of** hours of credit in continuing
education courses ~~and~~

(2) ~~a resident limited lines producer must complete at least five~~
~~(5) hours of credit in continuing education courses. determined~~
by the commissioner.

An attorney in good standing who is admitted to the practice of law in
Indiana and holds a license issued under IC 27-1-15.6 may complete all
or any number of hours of continuing education required by this
subsection by completing an equivalent number of hours in continuing
legal education courses that are related to the business of insurance.

(b) To renew a license issued under IC 27-1-15.6, a limited lines
producer with a title qualification under IC 27-1-15.6-7(a)(8) must
complete at least ~~seven (7)~~ **a minimum number of** hours of credit in
continuing education courses **determined by the commissioner and**
related to the business of title insurance. ~~with at least one (1) hour of~~
~~instruction in a structured setting or comparable self-study in each of~~
~~the following:~~

(1) ~~Ethical practices in the marketing and selling of title~~
~~insurance.~~

(2) ~~Title insurance underwriting.~~

(3) ~~Escrow issues.~~

(4) ~~Principles of the federal Real Estate Settlement Procedures~~
~~Act (12 U.S.C. 2608).~~

An attorney in good standing who is admitted to the practice of law in
Indiana and holds a license issued under IC 27-1-15.6 with a title
qualification under IC 27-1-15.6-7(a)(8) may complete all or any
number of hours of continuing education required by this subsection by
completing an equivalent number of hours in continuing legal
education courses related to the business of title insurance or any
aspect of real property law.

(c) The following insurance producers are not required to complete
continuing education courses to renew a license under this chapter:

(1) A limited lines producer who is licensed without examination
under IC 27-1-15.6-18(1) or IC 27-1-15.6-18(2).

(2) A limited line credit insurance producer.

(3) **Before July 1, 2011**, an insurance producer who:

(A) is at least seventy (70) years of age; and

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1 **(B)** has been a licensed insurance producer continuously for at
 2 least twenty (20) years immediately preceding the license
 3 renewal date.

4 (d) To satisfy the requirements of subsection (a) or (b), a licensee
 5 may use only those credit hours earned in continuing education courses
 6 completed by the licensee:

7 (1) after the effective date of the licensee's last renewal of a
 8 license under this chapter; or

9 (2) if the licensee is renewing a license for the first time, after the
 10 date on which the licensee was issued the license under this
 11 chapter.

12 (e) If an insurance producer receives qualification for a license in
 13 more than one (1) line of authority under IC 27-1-15.6, the insurance
 14 producer may not be required to complete ~~a total of~~ more than ~~twenty~~
 15 **(20) the total number of** hours of credit in continuing education
 16 courses **determined by the commissioner** to renew the license.

17 (f) Except as provided in subsection (g), a licensee may receive
 18 credit only for completing continuing education courses that have been
 19 approved by the commissioner under section 4 of this chapter.

20 (g) A licensee who teaches a course approved by the commissioner
 21 under section 4 of this chapter shall receive continuing education credit
 22 for teaching the course.

23 (h) When a licensee renews a license issued under this chapter, the
 24 licensee must submit:

25 (1) a continuing education statement that:
 26 (A) is in a format authorized by the commissioner;
 27 (B) is signed by the licensee under oath; and
 28 (C) lists the continuing education courses completed by the
 29 licensee to satisfy the continuing education requirements of
 30 this section; and

31 (2) any other information required by the commissioner.

32 (i) A continuing education statement submitted under subsection (h)
 33 may be reviewed and audited by the department.

34 (j) A licensee shall retain a copy of the original certificate of
 35 completion received by the licensee for completion of a continuing
 36 education course.

37 (k) A licensee who completes a continuing education course that:
 38 (1) is approved by the commissioner under section 4 of this
 39 chapter;
 40 (2) is held in a classroom setting; and
 41 (3) concerns ethics;

42 shall receive continuing education credit for the number of hours for

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which the course is approved plus additional hours, not to exceed two (2) hours in a renewal period, equal to the number of hours for which the course is approved.

SECTION 41. IC 27-1-15.7-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 5. (a) To qualify as a certified prelicensing course of study for purposes of IC 27-1-15.6-6, an insurance producer program of study must meet all of the following criteria:

(1) Be conducted or developed by an:

(A) insurance trade association;

(B) accredited college or university;

(C) educational organization certified by the insurance producer education and continuing education advisory council; or

(D) insurance company licensed to do business in Indiana.

(2) Provide for self-study or instruction provided by an approved instructor in a structured setting, as follows:

(A) For life insurance producers, not less than ~~twenty-four (24)~~ **a minimum number of** hours of instruction, **determined by the commissioner**, in a structured setting or comparable self-study on:

(i) ethical practices in the marketing and selling of insurance;

(ii) requirements of the insurance laws and administrative rules of Indiana; and

(iii) principles of life insurance.

(B) For health insurance producers, not less than ~~twenty-four (24)~~ **a minimum number of** hours of instruction, **determined by the commissioner**, in a structured setting or comparable self-study on:

(i) ethical practices in the marketing and selling of insurance;

(ii) requirements of the insurance laws and administrative rules of Indiana; and

(iii) principles of health insurance.

(C) For life and health insurance producers, not less than ~~forty (40)~~ **a minimum number of** hours of instruction, **determined by the commissioner**, in a structured setting or comparable self-study on:

(i) ethical practices in the marketing and selling of insurance;

(ii) requirements of the insurance laws and administrative

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rules of Indiana;

(iii) principles of life insurance; and

(iv) principles of health insurance.

(D) For property and casualty insurance producers, not less than ~~forty (40)~~ **a minimum number** of hours of instruction, **determined by the commissioner**, in a structured setting or comparable self-study on:

(i) ethical practices in the marketing and selling of insurance;

(ii) requirements of the insurance laws and administrative rules of Indiana;

(iii) principles of property insurance; and

(iv) principles of liability insurance.

(E) For personal lines producers, a minimum **number** of ~~twenty-four (24)~~ hours of instruction, **determined by the commissioner**, in a structured setting or comparable self-study on:

(i) ethical practices in the marketing and selling of insurance;

(ii) requirements of the insurance laws and administrative rules of Indiana; and

(iii) principles of property and liability insurance applicable to coverages sold to individuals and families for primarily noncommercial purposes.

(F) For title insurance producers, not less than ~~ten (10)~~ **a minimum number of** hours of instruction, **determined by the commissioner**, in a structured setting or comparable self-study on:

(i) ethical practices in the marketing and selling of title insurance;

(ii) requirements of the insurance laws and administrative rules of Indiana;

(iii) principles of title insurance, including underwriting and escrow issues; and

(iv) principles of the federal Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (12 U.S.C. 2608).

(3) Instruction provided in a structured setting must be provided only by individuals who meet the qualifications established by the commissioner under subsection (b).

(b) The commissioner, after consulting with the insurance producer education and continuing education advisory council, shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 prescribing the criteria that a person must meet to

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render instruction in a certified prelicensing course of study.

(c) The commissioner shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 prescribing the subject matter that an insurance producer program of study must cover to qualify for certification as a certified prelicensing course of study under this section.

(d) The commissioner may make recommendations that the commissioner considers necessary for improvements in course materials.

(e) The commissioner shall designate a program of study that meets the requirements of this section as a certified prelicensing course of study for purposes of IC 27-1-15.6-6.

(f) The commissioner may, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, withdraw the certification of a course of study that does not maintain reasonable standards, as determined by the commissioner for the protection of the public.

(g) Current course materials for a prelicensing course of study that is certified under this section must be submitted to the commissioner upon request, but not less frequently than once every three (3) years.

SECTION 42. IC 27-1-17-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 3. No foreign or alien insurance company shall be admitted to do business in this state having a name which, at the date of such admission, could not be taken by a domestic corporation under the provisions of IC 27-1-6-3, except that the name of a foreign or alien insurance company need not include the word "company", "corporation", "incorporated", or "mutual", or one (1) of the abbreviations thereof, nor the word "insurance" or the word "assurance" provided the name of such company is authorized by the laws of the state or territory of its organization or domicile and provided such name does not negate the characteristic of such company as an insurance company. ~~No such foreign or alien insurance company after it has been admitted shall, by amendment to its charter, assume any name which, at the date of the filing of such amendment as provided in this chapter, could not be taken by a domestic corporation under the provisions of IC 27-1-6-3.~~

SECTION 43. IC 27-1-17-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.193-2006, SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 4. Whenever a foreign or an alien insurance company desires to be admitted to do an insurance business in this state, it shall execute in the English language and present the following to the department, at its office, accompanied by the fees prescribed by law:

(1) A copy of its articles of incorporation or association, with all

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1 amendments thereto, duly authenticated by the proper officer of
 2 the state, country, province, or government wherein it is
 3 incorporated or organized, or the state in which it is domiciled in
 4 the United States.

5 (2) An application for admission, executed in the manner
 6 provided in this chapter, setting forth:

7 (A) the name of such company;

8 (B) the location of its principal office or place of business
 9 without this state;

10 (C) the names of the states in which it has been admitted or
 11 qualified to do business;

12 (D) the character of insurance business under its articles of
 13 incorporation or association which it intends to transact in this
 14 state, which must conform to the class or classes set forth in
 15 the provisions of IC 27-1-5-1;

16 (E) the total authorized capital stock of the company and the
 17 amount thereof issued and outstanding, and the surplus
 18 required of such company by the laws of the state, country,
 19 province, or government under which it is organized, or the
 20 state in which it is domiciled in the United States, if a stock
 21 company, which shall equal at least the requirements set forth
 22 in section 5(a) of this chapter;

23 (F) the total amount of assets and the surplus of assets over all
 24 its liabilities, if other than a stock company, which shall equal
 25 at least the requirements set forth in section 5(b) of this
 26 chapter;

27 (G) if an alien company, the surplus of assets invested
 28 according to the laws of the state in the United States where it
 29 has its deposit, which shall equal at least the requirements set
 30 forth in section 5(c) of this chapter; and

31 (H) such further and additional information as the department
 32 may from time to time require.

33 The application shall be signed, ~~in duplicate~~ in the form
 34 prescribed by the department, by the president or a vice president
 35 and the secretary or an assistant secretary of the corporation, and
 36 verified under oath by the officers signing the same.

37 (3) A statement of its financial condition and business, in the form
 38 prescribed by law for annual statements, signed and sworn to by
 39 the president or secretary or other principal officers of the
 40 company; provided, however, that an alien company shall also
 41 furnish a separate statement comprising only its condition and
 42 business in the United States, which shall be signed and sworn to

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1 by its United States manager.

2 (4) A copy of the last report of examination certified to by the
3 insurance commissioner or other proper supervisory official of the
4 state in which such company is domiciled; provided, however,
5 that the commissioner may cause an examination to be made of
6 the condition and affairs of such company before authority to
7 transact business in this state is given.

8 (5) A certificate from the proper official of the state, country,
9 province, or government wherein it is incorporated or organized,
10 or the state in which it is domiciled in the United States, that it is
11 duly organized or incorporated under those laws and authorized
12 to make the kind or kinds of insurance which it proposes to make
13 in this state.

14 (6) A copy of its bylaws or regulations, if any, certified to by the
15 secretary or similar officer of the insurance company.

16 (7) A duly executed power of attorney in a form prescribed by the
17 department which constitutes and appoints an individual or a
18 corporate resident of Indiana, or an authorized Indiana insurer, as
19 the insurance company's agent, its true and lawful attorney upon
20 whom, except as provided in section 4.2 of this chapter, all lawful
21 processes in any action in law or in equity against it shall be
22 served. Such power of attorney shall contain an agreement by the
23 insurance company that any lawful process against it which may
24 be served upon the agent as its attorney shall be of the same force
25 and validity as if served upon the insurance company and that
26 such power of attorney shall continue in force and be irrevocable
27 so long as any liability of the insurance company remains
28 outstanding in this state. Such power of attorney shall be executed
29 by the president and secretary of the insurance company or other
30 duly authorized officers under its seal and shall be accompanied
31 by a certified copy of the resolution of the board of directors of
32 the company making said appointment and authorizing the
33 execution of said power of attorney. Service of any lawful process
34 shall be by delivering to and leaving with the agent two (2) copies
35 of such process, with copy of the pertinent complaint attached.
36 The agent shall forthwith transmit to the defendant company at its
37 last known principal place of business by registered or certified
38 mail, return receipt requested, one (1) of the copies of such
39 process, with complaint attached, the other copy to be retained in
40 a record which shall show all process served upon and transmitted
41 by him. Such service shall be sufficient provided the returned
42 receipt or, if the defendant company shall refuse to accept such

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mailing, the registered mail together with an affidavit of plaintiff or his attorney stating that service was made upon the agent and forwarded as above set forth but that such mail was returned by the post office department is filed with the court. The agent shall make information and receipts available to plaintiff, defendant, or their attorneys. No plaintiff or complainant shall be entitled to a judgment by default based on service authorized by this section until the expiration of at least thirty (30) days from the date on which either the post office receipt or the unclaimed mail together with affidavit is filed with the court. Nothing in this section shall limit or abridge the right to serve any process, notice, or demand upon any company in any other manner permitted by law.

(8) Proof which satisfies the department that it has complied with the financial requirements imposed in this chapter upon foreign and alien insurance companies which transact business in this state and that it is entitled to public confidence and that its admission to transact business in this state will not be prejudicial to public interest.

SECTION 44. IC 27-1-18-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 4. (a) Any foreign or alien corporation admitted to do business in this state may alter or enlarge the character of the business which it is authorized to transact in this state under its articles of incorporation or association, and any amendments thereof filed with the department as provided in section 3 of this chapter, by procuring an amended certificate of authority from the department in the manner provided in subsection (b).

(b) Whenever a foreign or alien corporation desires to procure such amended certificate, it shall present to the department at its office, accompanied by the fees prescribed by law, an application for an amended certificate of authority, setting forth the change desired in the kind or kinds of insurance business under its articles of incorporation or association which it intends to thereafter carry on in this state; the application shall be filed ~~in duplicate~~ in the form prescribed by the department by the president or a vice president and the secretary or an assistant secretary of the corporation, and verified by the oaths of the officers signing the same.

(c) Upon the presentation of such application, accompanied by the corporation's certificate of authority, the department, if it ~~find~~ finds that it conforms to law and that the foreign or alien company has fulfilled the requirements set forth in subsection (b) and in section 3 of this chapter, may endorse its approval upon ~~each of the duplicate copies of~~ the application, and, in case of the approval of such application and

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when all fees required by law shall have been paid, shall file one (1) copy of the application in its office, cancel the certificate of authority presented with the application, and issue to the corporation a new certificate of authority, which certificate shall set forth the kind or kinds of business that the corporation is authorized thereafter to transact in this state, which shall be accompanied by one (1) copy of the application bearing the endorsement of the approval of the department.

(d) Upon the issuance of the new certificate of authority by the department, the corporation therein named shall have authority thereafter to transact in this state the kind or kinds of insurance business set forth in such certificate, subject to the terms and conditions prescribed in this article.

SECTION 45. IC 27-1-20-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 8. (a) As used in this section:

~~"Securities" means instruments as defined in IC 26-1-8.1-102.~~

"Broker dealer" means an entity that:

(1) is registered with and subject to the jurisdiction of the Securities and Exchange Commission;

(2) maintains membership in the Securities Investor Protection Corporation; and

(3) has a tangible net worth of at least two hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000).

"Clearing corporation" means a corporation as defined in IC 26-1-8.1-102 except that with respect to securities issued by institutions organized or existing under the laws of any foreign country or securities used to meet the deposit requirements pursuant to the laws of a foreign country as a condition of doing business therein. "Clearing corporation" may include a corporation organized or existing under the laws of any foreign country and which is legally qualified under such laws to effect transactions in securities by computerized book entry.

"Direct participant" means a bank, trust company, or safety deposit company approved by the commissioner which maintains an account in its name in a clearing corporation and through which an insurance company participates in a clearing corporation.

"Federal Reserve book-entry system" means the computerized systems sponsored by the United States Department of the Treasury and certain agencies and instrumentalities of the United States for holding and transferring securities of the United States government and such agencies and instrumentalities, respectively, in Federal Reserve Banks through banks which are members of the Federal Reserve

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System, or which otherwise have access to such computerized systems.

"Member bank" means a national bank, state bank, or trust company which is a member of the Federal Reserve System and through which an insurance company participates in the Federal Reserve book-entry system.

"Securities" means instruments as defined in IC 26-1-8.1-102.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a domestic insurance company may deposit or arrange for the safekeeping of securities held in or purchased for its general account and its separate accounts in a clearing corporation or the Federal Reserve book-entry system. When securities are deposited with a clearing corporation, certificates representing securities of the same class of the same issuer may be merged and held in bulk in the name of the nominee of such clearing corporation with any other securities deposited with such clearing corporation by any person, regardless of the ownership of such securities, and certificates representing securities of small denominations may be merged into one (1) or more certificates of larger denominations. The records of any member bank **or broker dealer** through which an insurance company holds securities in the Federal Reserve book-entry system, and the records of any custodian through which an insurance company holds securities in a clearing corporation, shall at all times show that such securities are held for such insurance company and for which accounts thereof. Ownership of, and other interests in, such securities may be transferred by bookkeeping entry on the books of such clearing corporation or in the Federal Reserve book-entry system without, in either case, physical delivery of certificates representing such securities.

(c) Any Indiana law requiring an insurance company operating under the laws of Indiana to deposit assets with the department shall be deemed complied with if such deposit is made pursuant to a written agreement between the insurance company and any bank, trust company or a safety deposit company and approved by the commissioner which limits withdrawals to those sanctioned and approved by the department. Deposits so made shall be credited by the department as deposits in its possession on the basis of the insurance company's affidavit describing such deposits as to amount and nature.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, securities eligible for deposit under the insurance law of this state relating to deposit of securities by an insurance company as a condition of commencing or continuing to do an insurance business in this state may be deposited with a clearing corporation or held in the Federal Reserve book-entry system. Securities deposited with a clearing corporation or held in the

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1 Federal Reserve book-entry system and used to meet the deposit
 2 requirements under the insurance laws of this state shall be under the
 3 control of the commissioner and shall not be withdrawn by the
 4 insurance company without the approval of the commissioner. Any
 5 insurance company holding such securities in such manner shall
 6 provide to the commissioner evidence issued by its custodian or a
 7 member bank through which such insurance company has deposited
 8 securities with a clearing corporation or held in the Federal Reserve
 9 book-entry system, respectively, in order to establish that the securities
 10 are actually recorded in an account in the name of the custodian or
 11 other direct participant or member bank and evidence that the records
 12 of the custodian, other participant, or member bank reflect that such
 13 securities are held subject to the order of the commissioner.

14 (e) The commissioner of insurance is authorized to promulgate rules
 15 and regulations governing the deposit by insurance companies of
 16 securities with clearing corporations and in the Federal Reserve
 17 book-entry system.

18 SECTION 46. IC 27-1-23-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 19 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 4. (a) Material
 20 transactions within an insurance holding company system to which an
 21 insurer subject to registration is a party shall be subject to the following
 22 standards:

23 (1) The terms shall be fair and reasonable.

24 (2) The charges or fees for services performed shall be
 25 reasonable.

26 (3) The expenses incurred for any payment received shall be
 27 allocated to the insurer in conformity with customary insurance
 28 accounting practices consistently applied.

29 (4) The books, accounts, and records of each party as to all
 30 transactions described in this subsection shall be so maintained as
 31 to clearly and accurately disclose the precise nature and details of
 32 the transactions, including accounting information necessary to
 33 support the reasonableness of the charges or fees to the respective
 34 parties.

35 (5) The insurer's surplus as regards policyholders following any
 36 transactions with affiliates or shareholder dividend shall be
 37 reasonable in relation to the insurer's outstanding liabilities and
 38 adequate to its financial needs.

39 (b) The following transactions involving a domestic insurer and any
 40 person in its insurance holding company system may not be entered
 41 into unless the insurer has notified the commissioner in writing of its
 42 intention to enter into such transaction at least thirty (30) days prior

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thereto, or such shorter period as the commissioner may permit, and the commissioner has not disapproved it within that period:

(1) Sales, purchases, exchanges, loans or extensions of credit, guarantees, or investments, provided those transactions are equal to or exceed:

(A) with respect to nonlife insurers, the lesser of three percent (3%) of the insurer's admitted assets or twenty-five percent (25%) of surplus as regards policyholders; and

(B) with respect to life insurers, three percent (3%) of the insurer's admitted assets;

each as of December 31 next preceding.

(2) Loans or extensions of credit to any person who is not an affiliate, where the insurer makes those loans or extensions of credit with the agreement or understanding that the proceeds of such transactions, in whole or in substantial part, are to be used to make loans or extensions of credit to, to purchase assets of, or to make investments in, any affiliate of the insurer making such loans or extensions of credit, provided those transactions are equal to or exceed:

(A) with respect to nonlife insurers, the lesser of three percent (3%) of the insurer's admitted assets or twenty-five percent (25%) of surplus as regards policyholders; and

(B) with respect to life insurers, three percent (3%) of the insurer's admitted assets;

each as of December 31 next preceding.

(3) Reinsurance agreements or modifications thereto in which the amount of cash or invested assets transferred by the insurer equals or exceeds five percent (5%) of the insurer's surplus as regards policyholders, as of December 31 next preceding, including those agreements that may require as consideration the transfer of assets from an insurer to a nonaffiliate, if an agreement or understanding exists between the insurer and nonaffiliate that any portion of the assets will be transferred to one (1) or more affiliates of the insurer.

(4) Management agreements, service contracts, ~~and~~ cost-sharing arrangements, **lease agreements, and tax allocation agreements.**

(5) Material transactions, specified by rule, that the commissioner determines may adversely affect the interests of the insurer's policyholders.

This subsection does not authorize or permit any transactions that, in the case of an insurer not a member of the same insurance holding

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company system, would be otherwise contrary to law.

(c) A domestic insurer may not enter into transactions that are part of a plan or series of like transactions with persons within the insurance holding company system if the purpose of those separate transactions is to avoid the statutory threshold amount and thus avoid the review that would occur otherwise.

(d) The commissioner, in reviewing transactions pursuant to subsection (b), shall consider whether the transactions comply with the standards set forth in subsection (a) and whether the transactions may adversely affect the interests of policyholders.

(e) The commissioner shall be notified within thirty (30) days of any investment of the domestic insurer in any one (1) corporation if the total investment in that corporation by the insurance holding company system exceeds ten percent (10%) of the corporation's voting securities.

(f) For purposes of this chapter, in determining whether an insurer's surplus is reasonable in relation to the insurer's outstanding liabilities and adequate to its financial needs, the following factors, among others, shall be considered:

(1) The size of the insurer as measured by its assets, capital and surplus, reserves, premium writings, insurance in force and other appropriate criteria.

(2) The extent to which the insurer's business is diversified among the several lines of insurance.

(3) The number and size of risks insured in each line of business.

(4) The extent of the geographical dispersion of the insurer's insured risks.

(5) The nature and extent of the insurer's reinsurance program.

(6) The quality, diversification, and liquidity of the insurer's investment portfolio.

(7) The recent past and projected future trend in the size of the insurer's surplus as regards policyholders.

(8) The surplus as regards policyholders maintained by other comparable insurers in respect of the factors described in subdivisions (1) through (7).

(9) The adequacy of the insurer's reserves.

(10) The quality and liquidity of investments in subsidiaries, except that the commissioner may discount or treat any such investment in subsidiaries as a disallowed asset for purposes of determining the adequacy of surplus whenever in his judgment such investment so warrants.

(11) The quality of the earnings of the insurer and the extent to which the reported earnings of the insurer include extraordinary

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(g) No domestic insurer subject to registration under section 3 of this chapter shall pay an extraordinary dividend or make any other extraordinary distribution to its security holders until:

(1) thirty (30) days after the commissioner has received notice of the declaration thereof and has not within such period disapproved such payment; or

(2) the commissioner shall have approved such payment within such thirty (30) day period.

(h) For purposes of subsection (g), an extraordinary dividend or distribution is any dividend or distribution of cash or other property whose fair market value, together with that of other dividends or distributions made within the twelve (12) consecutive months ending on the date on which the proposed dividend or distribution is scheduled to be made, exceeds the greater of:

(1) ten percent (10%) of such insurer's surplus as regards policyholders as of the most recently preceding December 31; or

(2) the net gain from operations of such insurer, if such insurer is a life insurer, or the net income, if such insurer is not a life insurer, for the twelve (12) month period ending on the most recently preceding December 31.

(i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a domestic insurer may declare an extraordinary dividend or distribution which is conditional upon the commissioner's approval thereof, but such a declaration shall confer no rights upon shareholders until:

(1) the commissioner has approved the payment of such dividend or distribution; or

(2) the commissioner has not disapproved the payment within the thirty (30) day period referred to in subsection (g).

SECTION 47. IC 27-1-25-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 1. As used in this chapter:

(a) "Administrator" ~~except as provided in section 7.5 of this chapter,~~ means a person who directly or indirectly and on behalf of an insurer underwrites, collects charges or premiums from, or adjusts or settles claims on residents of Indiana in connection with life, annuity, or health coverage offered or provided by an insurer. The term "administrator" does not include the following persons:

(1) An employer or a wholly owned direct or indirect subsidiary of an employer acting on behalf of the employees of:

(A) the employer;

(B) the subsidiary; or

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- 1 (C) an affiliated corporation of the employer.
- 2 (2) A union acting for its members.
- 3 (3) An insurer.
- 4 (4) An insurance producer:
 - 5 (A) that is licensed under IC 27-1-15.6;
 - 6 (B) that has:
 - 7 (i) a life; or
 - 8 (ii) an accident and health or sickness;
 - 9 qualification under IC 27-1-15.6-7; and
 - 10 (C) whose activities are limited exclusively to the sale of
 - 11 insurance.
 - 12 (5) A creditor acting for its debtors regarding insurance covering
 - 13 a debt between them.
 - 14 (6) A trust established under 29 U.S.C. 186 and the trustees,
 - 15 agents, and employees acting pursuant to that trust.
 - 16 (7) A trust that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(a) of
 - 17 the Internal Revenue Code and:
 - 18 (A) the trustees and employees acting pursuant to that trust; or
 - 19 (B) a custodian and the agents and employees of the custodian
 - 20 acting pursuant to a custodian account that meets the
 - 21 requirements of Section 401(f) of the Internal Revenue Code.
 - 22 (8) A financial institution that is subject to supervision or
 - 23 examination by federal or state banking authorities to the extent
 - 24 that the financial institution collects and remits premiums to an
 - 25 insurance producer or an authorized insurer in connection with a
 - 26 loan payment.
 - 27 (9) A credit card issuing company that:
 - 28 (A) advances for; and
 - 29 (B) collects from, when a credit card holder authorizes the
 - 30 collection;
 - 31 credit card holders of the credit card issuing company, insurance
 - 32 premiums or charges.
 - 33 (10) A person that adjusts or settles claims in the normal course
 - 34 of the person's practice or employment as an attorney at law and
 - 35 that does not collect charges or premiums in connection with life,
 - 36 annuity, or health coverage.
 - 37 (11) A health maintenance organization that has a certificate of
 - 38 authority issued under IC 27-13.
 - 39 (12) A limited service health maintenance organization that has
 - 40 a certificate of authority issued under IC 27-13.
 - 41 (13) A mortgage lender to the extent that the mortgage lender
 - 42 collects and remits premiums to an insurance producer or an

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authorized insurer in connection with a loan payment.

(14) A person that:

(A) is licensed as a managing general agent as required under IC 27-1-33; and

(B) acts exclusively within the scope of activities provided for under the license referred to in clause (A).

(15) A person that:

(A) directly or indirectly underwrites, collects charges or premiums from, or adjusts or settles claims on residents of Indiana in connection with life, annuity, or health coverage provided by an insurer;

(B) is affiliated with the insurer; and

(C) performs the duties specified in clause (A) only according to a contract between the person and the insurer for the direct and assumed life, annuity, or health coverage provided by the insurer.

(b) "Affiliate" means an entity or a person that:

(1) directly or indirectly through an intermediary controls or is controlled by; or

(2) is under common control with;

a specified entity or person.

(c) "Church plan" has the meaning set forth in IC 27-8-10-1.

(d) "Commissioner" refers to the insurance commissioner appointed under IC 27-1-1-2.

(e) "Control" means the direct or indirect possession of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a person, whether:

(1) through ownership of voting securities;

(2) by contract other than a commercial contract for goods or nonmanagement services; or

(3) otherwise;

unless the power is the result of an official position with the person or a corporate office held by the person. Control is presumed to exist if a person directly or indirectly owns, controls, holds with the power to vote, or holds proxies representing not less than ten percent (10%) of the voting securities of another person.

(f) "Covered individual" means an individual who is covered under a benefit program provided by an insurer.

(g) "Financial institution" means a bank, savings association, credit union, or any other institution regulated under IC 28 or federal law.

(h) "GAAP" refers to consistently applied United States generally accepted accounting principles.

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(i) "Governmental plan" has the meaning set forth in IC 27-8-10-1.

(j) "Home state" means the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States in which an administrator is incorporated or maintains the administrator's principal place of business. If the place in which the administrator is incorporated or maintains the administrator's principal place of business is not governed by a law that is substantially similar to this chapter, the administrator's home state is another state:

(1) in which the administrator conducts the business of the administrator; and

(2) that the administrator declares is the administrator's home state.

(k) "Insurance producer" has the meaning set forth in IC 27-1-15.6-2.

(l) "Insurer" means:

(1) a person who obtains a certificate of authority under:

(A) IC 27-1-3-20;

(B) IC 27-13-3; or

(C) IC 27-13-34; or

(2) an employer that provides life, health, or annuity coverage in Indiana under a governmental plan or a church plan.

(m) "NAIC" refers to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

(n) "Negotiate" has the meaning set forth in IC 27-1-15.6-2.

(o) "Nonresident administrator" means a person that applies for or holds a license under section 12.2 of this chapter.

(p) "Person" has the meaning set forth in IC 27-1-15.6-2.

(q) "Sell" has the meaning set forth in IC 27-1-15.6-2.

(r) "Solicit" has the meaning set forth in IC 27-1-15.6-2.

(s) "Underwrite" refers to the:

(1) acceptance of a group application or an individual application for coverage of an individual in accordance with the written rules of the insurer; or

(2) planning and coordination of a benefit program provided by an insurer.

(t) "Uniform application" means the current version of the NAIC uniform application for third party administrators.

SECTION 48. IC 27-1-25-11.1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 11.1. (a) If the home state of a person is Indiana, the person shall:

(1) apply to act as an administrator in Indiana upon the uniform application; ~~and~~

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(2) pay an application fee in an amount determined by the commissioner; and

~~(2)~~ (3) receive a license from the commissioner;

before performing the function of an administrator in Indiana. **The commissioner shall deposit a fee paid under subdivision (2) into the department of insurance fund established by IC 27-1-3-28.**

(b) The uniform application must include or be accompanied by the following:

(1) Basic organizational documents of the applicant, including:

(A) articles of incorporation;

(B) articles of association;

(C) partnership agreement;

(D) trade name certificate;

(E) trust agreement;

(F) shareholder agreement;

(G) other applicable documents; and

(H) amendments to the documents specified in clauses (A) through (G).

(2) Bylaws, rules, regulations, or other documents that regulate the internal affairs of the applicant.

(3) The NAIC biographical affidavits for individuals who are responsible for the conduct of affairs of the applicant, including:

(A) members of the applicant's:

(i) board of directors;

(ii) board of trustees;

(iii) executive committee; or

(iv) other governing board or committee;

(B) principal officers, if the applicant is a corporation;

(C) partners or members, if the applicant is:

(i) a partnership;

(ii) an association; or

(iii) a limited liability company;

(D) shareholders or members that hold, directly or indirectly, at least ten percent (10%) of the:

(i) voting stock;

(ii) voting securities; or

(iii) voting interest;

of the applicant; and

(E) any other person who exercises control or influence over the affairs of the applicant.

(4) Financial information reflecting a positive net worth, including:

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- 1 (A) audited annual financial statements prepared by an
 2 independent certified public accountant for the two (2) most
 3 recent fiscal years; or
 4 (B) if the applicant has been in business for less than two (2)
 5 fiscal years, financial statements or reports that are:
 6 (i) prepared in accordance with GAAP; and
 7 (ii) certified by an officer of the applicant;
 8 for any completed fiscal years and for any month during the
 9 current fiscal year for which financial statements or reports
 10 have been completed.
- 11 If an audited financial statement or report required under clause
 12 (A) or (B) is prepared on a consolidated basis, the statement or
 13 report must include a columnar consolidating or combining
 14 worksheet that includes the amounts shown on the consolidated
 15 audited financial statement or report, separately reported on the
 16 worksheet for each entity included on the statement or report, and
 17 an explanation of consolidating and eliminating entries.
- 18 (5) Information determined by the commissioner to be necessary
 19 for a review of the current financial condition of the applicant.
- 20 (6) A description of the business plan of the applicant, including:
 21 (A) information on staffing levels and activities proposed in
 22 Indiana and nationwide; and
 23 (B) details concerning the applicant's ability to provide a
 24 sufficient number of experienced and qualified personnel for:
 25 (i) claims processing;
 26 (ii) record keeping; and
 27 (iii) underwriting.
- 28 (7) Any other information required by the commissioner.
- 29 (c) An administrator that applies for licensure under this section
 30 shall make copies of written agreements with insurers available for
 31 inspection by the commissioner.
- 32 (d) An administrator that applies for licensure under this section
 33 shall:
 34 (1) produce the administrator's accounts, records, and files for
 35 examination; and
 36 (2) make the administrator's officers available to provide
 37 information concerning the affairs of the administrator;
 38 whenever reasonably required by the commissioner.
- 39 (e) The commissioner may refuse to issue a license under this
 40 section if the commissioner determines that:
 41 (1) the administrator or an individual who is responsible for the
 42 conduct of the affairs of the administrator:

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- 1 (A) is not:
 2 (i) competent;
 3 (ii) trustworthy;
 4 (iii) financially responsible; or
 5 (iv) of good personal and business reputation; or
 6 (B) has had an:
 7 (i) insurance certificate of authority or insurance license; or
 8 (ii) administrator certificate of authority or administrator
 9 license;
 10 denied or revoked for cause by any jurisdiction;
 11 (2) the financial information provided under subsection (b)(4)
 12 does not reflect that the applicant has a positive net worth; or
 13 (3) any of the grounds set forth in section 12.4 of this chapter
 14 exists with respect to the administrator.
 15 (f) An administrator that applies for a license under this section
 16 shall immediately notify the commissioner of a material change in:
 17 (1) the ownership or control of the administrator; or
 18 (2) another fact or circumstance that affects the administrator's
 19 qualification for a license.
 20 The commissioner, upon receiving notice under this subsection, shall
 21 report the change to an electronic data base maintained by the NAIC or
 22 an affiliate or a subsidiary of the NAIC.
 23 (g) An administrator that applies for a license under this section and
 24 will administer a governmental plan or a church plan shall obtain a
 25 bond as required under section 4(g) of this chapter.
 26 (h) A license that is issued under this section is valid:
 27 **(1) for one (1) year after the date of issuance; or**
 28 **(2) until:**
 29 ~~(1)~~ **(A)** the license is:
 30 ~~(A)~~ **(i)** surrendered; or
 31 ~~(B)~~ **(ii)** suspended or revoked by the commissioner; or
 32 ~~(2)~~ **(B)** the administrator:
 33 ~~(A)~~ **(i)** ceases to do business in Indiana; or
 34 ~~(B)~~ **(ii)** is not in compliance with this chapter;
 35 **whichever occurs first.**
 36 SECTION 49. IC 27-1-25-12.2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.234-2007,
 37 SECTION 191, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 38 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 12.2. (a) An administrator that:
 39 (1) performs the duties of an administrator in Indiana; and
 40 (2) does not hold a license issued under section 11.1 of this
 41 chapter;
 42 shall obtain a nonresident administrator license under this section by

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1 filing a uniform application, **accompanied by an application fee in an**
 2 **amount determined by the commissioner**, with the commissioner.
 3 **The commissioner shall deposit a fee paid under this subsection**
 4 **into the department of insurance fund established by IC 27-1-3-28.**

5 (b) Unless the commissioner verifies the nonresident administrator's
 6 home state license status through an electronic data base maintained by
 7 the NAIC or by an affiliate or a subsidiary of the NAIC, a uniform
 8 application filed under subsection (a) must be accompanied by a letter
 9 of certification from the nonresident administrator's home state,
 10 verifying that the nonresident administrator holds a resident
 11 administrator license in the home state.

12 (c) A nonresident administrator is not eligible for a nonresident
 13 administrator license under this section unless the nonresident
 14 administrator is licensed as a resident administrator in a home state that
 15 has a law or regulation that is substantially similar to this chapter.

16 (d) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (h), the commissioner
 17 shall issue a nonresident administrator license to a nonresident
 18 administrator that makes a filing under subsections (a) and (b) upon
 19 receipt of the filing.

20 (e) Unless a nonresident administrator is notified by the
 21 commissioner that the commissioner is able to verify the nonresident
 22 administrator's home state licensure through an electronic data base
 23 described in subsection (b), the nonresident administrator shall:

24 (1) on September 15 of each year, file a **renewal application and**
 25 **a statement with the commissioner affirming that the nonresident**
 26 **administrator maintains a current license in the nonresident**
 27 **administrator's home state; and**

28 (2) pay **to the commissioner** a filing fee ~~as required in an~~
 29 **amount determined by the commissioner.**

30 The commissioner shall ~~collect deposit~~ a filing fee ~~required paid~~ under
 31 subdivision (2) ~~and deposit the fee~~ into the department of insurance
 32 fund established by IC 27-1-3-28.

33 (f) A nonresident administrator that applies for licensure under this
 34 section shall:

35 (1) produce the accounts of the nonresident administrator;

36 (2) produce the records and files of the nonresident administrator
 37 for examination; and

38 (3) make the officers of the nonresident administrator available to
 39 provide information with respect to the affairs of the nonresident
 40 administrator;

41 when reasonably required by the commissioner.

42 (g) A nonresident administrator is not required to hold a nonresident

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1 administrator license in Indiana if the nonresident administrator's
 2 function in Indiana is limited to the administration of life, health, or
 3 annuity coverage for a total of not more than one hundred (100) Indiana
 4 residents.

5 (h) The commissioner may refuse to issue or may delay the issuance
 6 of a nonresident administrator license if the commissioner determines
 7 that:

- 8 (1) due to events occurring; or
- 9 (2) based on information obtained;

10 after the nonresident administrator's home state's licensure of the
 11 nonresident administrator, the nonresident administrator is unable to
 12 comply with this chapter or grounds exist for the home state's
 13 revocation or suspension of the nonresident administrator's home state
 14 license.

15 (i) If the commissioner makes a determination described in
 16 subsection (h), the commissioner:

- 17 (1) shall provide written notice of the determination to the
 18 insurance regulator of the nonresident administrator's home state;
 19 and
- 20 (2) may delay the issuance of a nonresident administrator license
 21 to the nonresident administrator until the commissioner
 22 determines that the nonresident administrator is able to comply
 23 with this chapter and that grounds do not exist for the home state's
 24 revocation or suspension of the nonresident administrator's home
 25 state license.

26 SECTION 50.IC 27-1-25-12.3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.234-2007,
 27 SECTION 192, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 28 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 12.3. (a) An administrator that is
 29 licensed under section 11.1 of this chapter shall, not later than July 1
 30 of each year unless the commissioner grants an extension of time for
 31 good cause, file a report for the previous calendar year that complies
 32 with the following:

- 33 (1) The report must contain financial information reflecting a
 34 positive net worth prepared in accordance with section 11.1(b)(4)
 35 of this chapter.
- 36 (2) The report must be in the form and contain matters prescribed
 37 by the commissioner.
- 38 (3) The report must be verified by at least two (2) officers of the
 39 administrator.
- 40 (4) The report must include the complete names and addresses of
 41 insurers with which the administrator had a written agreement
 42 during the preceding fiscal year.

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(5) The report must be accompanied by a filing fee **in an amount** determined by the commissioner.

The commissioner shall collect a filing fee paid under subdivision (5) and deposit the fee into the department of insurance fund established by IC 27-1-3-28.

(b) The commissioner shall review a report filed under subsection (a) not later than September 1 of the year in which the report is filed. Upon completion of the review, the commissioner shall:

(1) issue a certification to the administrator:

(A) indicating that:

(i) the financial statement reflects a positive net worth; and

(ii) the administrator is currently licensed and in good standing; or

(B) noting deficiencies found in the report; or

(2) update an electronic data base that is maintained by the NAIC or by an affiliate or a subsidiary of the NAIC:

(A) indicating that the administrator is solvent and in compliance with this chapter; or

(B) noting deficiencies found in the report.

SECTION 51. IC 27-4-5-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 2. (a) It is a Class A infraction for an insurer to transact insurance business in this state, as set forth in subsection (b), without a certificate of authority from the commissioner. However, this section does not apply to the following:

(1) The lawful transaction of surplus lines insurance.

(2) The lawful transaction of reinsurance by insurers.

(3) Transactions in this state involving a policy lawfully solicited, written, and delivered outside of this state covering only subjects of insurance not resident, located, or expressly to be performed in this state at the time of issuance, and which transactions are subsequent to the issuance of such policy.

(4) Attorneys acting in the ordinary relation of attorney and client in the adjustment of claims or losses.

(5) Transactions in this state involving group life and group sickness and accident or blanket sickness and accident insurance or group annuities where the master policy of such groups was lawfully issued and delivered in and pursuant to the laws of a state in which the insurer was authorized to do an insurance business, to a group organized for purposes other than the procurement of insurance, and where the policyholder is domiciled or otherwise has a bona fide situs.

(6) Transactions in this state relative to a policy issued or to be

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1 issued outside this state involving insurance on vessels, craft or
 2 hulls, cargos, marine builder's risk, marine protection and
 3 indemnity or other risk, including strikes and war risks commonly
 4 insured under ocean or wet marine forms of policy.

5 (7) Transactions in this state involving life insurance, health
 6 insurance, or annuities provided to religious or charitable
 7 institutions organized and operated without profit to any private
 8 shareholder or individual for the benefit of such institutions and
 9 individuals engaged in the service of such institutions.

10 (8) Transactions in this state involving contracts of insurance not
 11 readily obtainable in the ordinary insurance market and issued to
 12 one (1) or more industrial insureds. For purposes of this section,
 13 an "industrial insured" means an insured:

14 (A) who procures the insurance of any risk or risks by use of
 15 the services of a full-time employee acting as an insurance
 16 manager or buyer or the services of a regularly retained and
 17 continuously qualified insurance consultant;

18 (B) whose aggregate annual premium for insurance on all risks
 19 totals at least twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000); ~~and~~

20 (C) who has at least twenty-five (25) full-time employees;

21 **(D) who, on or before February 1 (for the preceding six (6)**
 22 **month period ending December 31) and August 1 (for the**
 23 **preceding six (6) month period ending June 30) of each**
 24 **year, remits to the department an amount equal to two and**
 25 **one-half percent (2.5%) of all gross premiums upon all**
 26 **policies and contracts procured by the insured under this**
 27 **section, plus:**

28 **(i) ten percent (10%) of the amount due for the first**
 29 **month after the date specified in this clause during which**
 30 **the amount described in this clause is not remitted in**
 31 **compliance with this clause; and**

32 **(ii) an additional one percent (1%) of the amount due for**
 33 **each additional month during which the amount due**
 34 **under this clause is unpaid; and**

35 **(E) who files with the department, with the amount**
 36 **remitted under clause (D), an affidavit specifying all**
 37 **transactions undertaken and policies and contracts**
 38 **procured during the preceding calendar year, including**
 39 **the following:**

40 **(i) The description and location of the insured property**
 41 **or risk and the name of the insured.**

42 **(ii) The gross premiums charged for the policy or**

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contract.

(iii) The name and home office address of the insurer that issues the policy or contract and the kind of insurance effected.

(iv) A statement that the insured, after diligent effort, was unable to procure from any insurer authorized to transact the particular kind of insurance business in Indiana the full amount of insurance coverage required to protect the insured.

(9) Transactions in Indiana involving the rendering of any service by any ambulance service provider and all fees, costs, and membership payments charged for the service. To qualify under this subdivision, the ambulance service provider:

(A) must have its ambulance service program approved by an ordinance of the legislative body of the county or city in which it operates; and

(B) may not offer any membership program that includes benefits exceeding one (1) year in duration.

(b) Any of the following acts in this state effected by mail or otherwise by or on behalf of an unauthorized insurer constitutes the transaction of an insurance business in this state. The venue of an act committed by mail is at the point where the matter transmitted by mail is delivered and takes effect. Unless otherwise indicated, the term "insurer" as used in this section includes all persons engaged as principals in the business of insurance and also includes interinsurance exchanges and mutual benefit societies.

(1) The making of or proposing to make, as an insurer, an insurance contract.

(2) The making of or proposing to make, as guarantor or surety, any contract of guaranty or suretyship as a vocation and not merely incidental to any other legitimate business or activity of the guarantor or surety.

(3) The taking or receiving of any application for insurance.

(4) The receiving or collection of any premium, commission, membership fees, assessments, dues, or other consideration for any insurance or any part thereof.

(5) The issuance or delivery of contracts of insurance to residents of this state or to persons authorized to do business in this state.

(6) Acting as an agent for or otherwise representing or aiding on behalf of another person or insurer in the solicitation, negotiation, procurement, or effectuation of insurance or renewals thereof or in the dissemination of information as to coverage or rates, or

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forwarding of applications, or delivery of policies or contracts, or inspection of risks, a fixing of rates or investigation or adjustment of claims or losses or in the transaction of matters subsequent to effectuation of the contract and arising out of it, or representing or assisting a person or an insurer in the transaction of insurance with respect to subjects of insurance resident, located, or to be performed in this state. This subdivision does not prohibit full-time salaried employees of a corporate insured from acting in the capacity of an insurance manager or buyer in placing insurance in behalf of the employer.

(c)(1) The failure of an insurer transacting insurance business in this state to obtain a certificate of authority does not impair the validity of any act or contract of such insurer and does not prevent such insurer from defending any action at law or suit in equity in any court of this state, but no insurer transacting insurance business in this state without a certificate of authority may maintain an action in any court of this state to enforce any right, claim, or demand arising out of the transaction of such business until such insurer obtains a certificate of authority.

(2) In the event of failure of any such unauthorized insurer to pay any claim or loss within the provisions of such insurance contract, any person who assisted or in any manner aided directly or indirectly in the procurement of such insurance contract is liable to the insured for the full amount of the claim or loss in the manner provided by the insurance contract.

SECTION 52. IC 27-7-3-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 3. **(a)** Any domestic corporation having:

(1) among its purposes the insuring against loss or damage on account of encumbrances upon or defects in the title to real estate;
and

(2) a physical office in Indiana;

is hereby authorized to organize under IC 23-1, and any foreign corporation, having among its purposes the insuring against loss or damage on account of encumbrances upon or defects in the title to real estate, is hereby authorized to and may be admitted to do business in this state under IC 23-1. Any domestic or foreign corporation, organized or admitted to do business before or after June 7, 1937, as provided in this section, may engage in business as a title insurance company by complying with the provisions of this chapter.

(b) A domestic corporation admitted to do business as described in subsection (a) shall provide written notice to the department of

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insurance and all policyholders of a change in location of the domestic corporation's physical office in Indiana, including the address and telephone number of the new location.

SECTION 53. IC 27-7-3-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: **Sec. 3.5. (a) A domestic corporation admitted to do business as described in section 3 of this chapter is subject to the following:**

(1) IC 27-1-7-11.

(2) IC 27-1-6-21.

(3) IC 27-9.

(b) A foreign corporation admitted to do business as described in section 3 of this chapter is subject to IC 27-1-17-9.

SECTION 54. IC 27-8-5-16.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.127-2006, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: **Sec. 16.5. (a)** As used in this section, "delivery state" means any state other than Indiana in which a policy is delivered or issued for delivery.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), (d), or (e), a certificate may not be issued to a resident of Indiana pursuant to a group policy that is delivered or issued for delivery in a state other than Indiana.

(c) A certificate may be issued to a resident of Indiana pursuant to a group policy not described in subsection (d) that is delivered or issued for delivery in a state other than Indiana if:

(1) the delivery state has a law substantially similar to section 16 of this chapter;

(2) the delivery state has approved the group policy; and

(3) the policy or the certificate contains provisions that are:

(A) substantially similar to the provisions required by:

(i) section 19 of this chapter;

(ii) section 21 of this chapter; and

(iii) IC 27-8-5.6; and

(B) consistent with the requirements set forth in:

(i) section 24 of this chapter;

(ii) IC 27-8-6;

(iii) IC 27-8-14;

(iv) IC 27-8-23;

(v) 760 IAC 1-38.1; and

(vi) 760 IAC 1-39.

(d) A certificate may be issued to a resident of Indiana under an association group policy, a discretionary group policy, or a trust group policy that is delivered or issued for delivery in a state other than

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Indiana if:

- (1) the delivery state has a law substantially similar to section 16 of this chapter;
- (2) the delivery state has approved the group policy; and
- (3) the policy or the certificate contains provisions that are:

(A) substantially similar to the provisions required by:

- (i) section 19 of this chapter or, if the policy or certificate is described in section 2.5(b)(2) of this chapter, section 2.5 of this chapter;
- (ii) section ~~19.2~~ **19.3** of this chapter if the policy or certificate contains a waiver of coverage;
- (iii) section 21 of this chapter; and
- (iv) IC 27-8-5.6; and

(B) consistent with the requirements set forth in:

- (i) section 15.6 of this chapter;
- (ii) section 24 of this chapter;
- (iii) section 26 of this chapter;
- (iv) IC 27-8-6;
- (v) IC 27-8-14;
- (vi) IC 27-8-14.1;
- (vii) IC 27-8-14.5;
- (viii) IC 27-8-14.7;
- (ix) IC 27-8-14.8;
- (x) IC 27-8-20;
- (xi) IC 27-8-23;
- (xii) IC 27-8-24.3;
- (xiii) IC 27-8-26;
- (xiv) IC 27-8-28;
- (xv) IC 27-8-29;
- (xvi) 760 IAC 1-38.1; and
- (xvii) 760 IAC 1-39.

(e) A certificate may be issued to a resident of Indiana pursuant to a group policy that is delivered or issued for delivery in a state other than Indiana if the commissioner determines that the policy pursuant to which the certificate is issued meets the requirements set forth in section 17(a) of this chapter.

(f) This section does not affect any other provision of Indiana law governing the terms or benefits of coverage provided to a resident of Indiana under any certificate or policy of insurance.

SECTION 55. IC 27-8-5-17, AS AMENDED BY P.L.218-2007, SECTION 47, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 17. (a) A group accident and sickness insurance

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policy shall not be delivered or issued for delivery in Indiana to a group that is not described in section 16(1)(A), 16(2)(A), 16(3)(A), 16(4)(A), 16(5)(A), 16(6)(A), 16(7), or 16(8) of this chapter unless:

(1) the group applies to the commissioner for approval as a discretionary group;

(2) the commissioner reviews the group according to the same standards as a group described in section 16 of this chapter; and

(3) the commissioner finds that:

~~(1)~~ **(A)** the issuance of the policy is not contrary to the best interest of the public;

~~(2)~~ **(B)** the issuance of the policy would result in economies of acquisition or administration; and

~~(3)~~ **(C)** the benefits of the policy are reasonable in relation to the premiums charged.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, an insurer may exclude or limit the coverage under a policy described in subsection (a) on any person as to whom evidence of individual insurability is not satisfactory to the insurer.

SECTION 56. IC 27-8-8-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.193-2006, SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 2. (a) The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

(b) "Account" means one (1) of the two (2) accounts created under section 3 of this chapter.

(c) "Annuity contract", except as provided in section 2.3(e) of this chapter, includes:

(1) a guaranteed investment contract;

(2) a deposit administration contract;

(3) a structured settlement annuity;

(4) an annuity issued to or in connection with a government lottery; and

(5) an immediate or a deferred annuity contract.

(d) "Assessment base year" means, for an impaired insurer or insolvent insurer, the most recent calendar year for which required premium information is available preceding the calendar year during which the impaired insurer's or insolvent insurer's coverage date occurs.

(e) "Association", except when the context otherwise requires, means the Indiana life and health insurance guaranty association created by section 3 of this chapter.

(f) "Benefit plan" means a specific plan, fund, or program that is

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established or maintained by an employer or an employee organization, or both, that:

- (1) provides retirement income to employees; or
- (2) results in a deferral of income by employees for a period extending to or beyond the termination of employment.

(g) "Board" refers to the board of directors of the association selected under IC 27-8-8-4.

(h) "Called", when used in the context of assessments, means that notice has been issued by the association to member insurers requiring the member insurers to pay, within a time frame set forth in the notice, an assessment that has been authorized by the board.

(i) "Commissioner" refers to the insurance commissioner appointed under IC 27-1-1-2.

(j) "Contractual obligation" means an enforceable obligation under a covered policy for which and to the extent that coverage is provided under section 2.3 of this chapter.

(k) "Coverage date" means, with respect to a member insurer, the date on which the earlier of the following occurs:

- (1) The member insurer becomes an insolvent insurer.
- (2) The association determines that the association will provide coverage under section 5(a) of this chapter with respect to the member insurer.

(l) "Covered policy" means a:

- (1) nongroup policy or contract;
- (2) certificate under a group policy or contract; or
- (3) part of a policy, contract, or certificate described in subdivisions (1) and (2);

for which coverage is provided under section 2.3 of this chapter.

(m) "Extracontractual claims" includes claims that relate to bad faith in the payment of claims, punitive or exemplary damages, or attorney's fees and costs.

(n) "Funding agreement" has the meaning set forth in IC 27-1-12.7-1.

(o) "Impaired insurer" means a member insurer that is:

- (1) not an insolvent insurer; and
- (2) placed under an order of rehabilitation or conservation by a court with jurisdiction.

(p) "Insolvent insurer" means a member insurer that is placed under an order of liquidation with a finding of insolvency by a court with jurisdiction.

(q) "Member insurer" means any person that holds a certificate of authority to transact in Indiana any kind of insurance for which

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coverage is provided under section 2.3 of this chapter. The term includes an insurer whose certificate of authority to transact such insurance in Indiana may have been suspended, revoked, not renewed, or voluntarily withdrawn but does not include the following:

(1) A for-profit or nonprofit hospital or medical service organization.

(2) A health maintenance organization under IC 27-13.

(3) A fraternal benefit society under IC 27-11.

(4) The Indiana Comprehensive Health Insurance Association or any other mandatory state pooling plan or arrangement.

(5) An assessment company or another person that operates on an assessment plan (as defined in IC 27-1-2-3(y)).

(6) An interinsurance or reciprocal exchange authorized by IC 27-6-6.

(7) A prepaid limited service health maintenance organization or a limited service health maintenance organization under IC 27-13-34.

(8) A farm mutual insurance company under IC 27-5.1.

(9) A person operating as a Lloyds under IC 27-7-1.

(10) The political subdivision risk management fund established by IC 27-1-29-10 and the political subdivision catastrophic liability fund established by IC 27-1-29.1-7.

~~(11) The small employer health reinsurance board established by IC 27-8-15.5-5.~~

~~(12)~~ (11) A person similar to any person described in subdivisions (1) through ~~(11)~~: (10).

(r) "Moody's Corporate Bond Yield Average" means:

(1) the monthly average of the composite yield on seasoned corporate bonds as published by Moody's Investors Service, Inc.; or

(2) if the monthly average described in subdivision (1) is no longer published, an alternative publication of interest rates or yields determined appropriate by the association.

(s) "Multiple employer welfare arrangement" has the meaning set forth in IC 27-1-34-1.

(t) "Owner" means the person:

(1) identified as the legal owner of a policy or contract according to the terms of the policy or contract; or

(2) otherwise vested with legal title to a policy or contract through a valid assignment completed in accordance with the terms of the policy or contract and properly recorded as the owner on the books of the insurer.

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The term does not include a person with a mere beneficial interest in a policy or contract.

(u) "Person" means an individual, a corporation, a limited liability company, a partnership, an association, a governmental entity, a voluntary organization, a trust, a trustee, or another business entity or organization.

(v) "Plan sponsor" refers to only one (1) of the following with respect to a benefit plan:

(1) The employer, in the case of a benefit plan established or maintained by a single employer.

(2) The holding company or controlling affiliate, in the case of a benefit plan established or maintained by affiliated companies comprising a consolidated corporation.

(3) The employee organization, in the case of a benefit plan established or maintained by an employee organization.

(4) In a case of a benefit plan established or maintained:

(A) by two (2) or more employers;

(B) by two (2) or more employee organizations; or

(C) jointly by one (1) or more employers and one (1) or more employee organizations;

and that is not of a type described in subdivision (2), the association, committee, joint board of trustees, or other similar group of representatives of the parties that establish or maintain the benefit plan.

(w) "Premiums" means amounts, deposits, and considerations received on covered policies, less returned premiums, returned deposits, returned considerations, dividends, and experience credits.

The term does not include the following:

(1) Amounts, deposits, and considerations received for policies or contracts or parts of policies or contracts for which coverage is not provided under section 2.3(d) of this chapter, as qualified by section 2.3(e) of this chapter, except that an assessable premium must not be reduced on account of the limitations set forth in section 2.3(e)(3), 2.3(e)(15), or 2.3(f)(2) of this chapter.

(2) Premiums in excess of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) on an unallocated annuity contract not issued or not connected with a governmental benefit plan established under Section 401, 403(b), or 457 of the United States Internal Revenue Code.

(x) "Principal place of business" refers to the single state in which individuals who establish policy for the direction, control, and coordination of the operations of an entity as a whole primarily exercise the direction, control, and coordination, as determined by the

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1 association in the association's reasonable judgment by considering the
2 following factors:

3 (1) The state in which the primary executive and administrative
4 headquarters of the entity is located.

5 (2) The state in which the principal office of the chief executive
6 officer of the entity is located.

7 (3) The state in which the board of directors or similar governing
8 person of the entity conducts the majority of the board of
9 directors' or governing person's meetings.

10 (4) The state in which the executive or management committee of
11 the board of directors or similar governing person of the entity
12 conducts the majority of the committee's meetings.

13 (5) The state from which the management of the overall
14 operations of the entity is directed.

15 However, in the case of a plan sponsor, if more than fifty percent (50%)
16 of the participants in the plan sponsor's benefit plan are employed in a
17 single state, that state is considered to be the principal place of business
18 of the plan sponsor. The principal place of business of a plan sponsor
19 of a benefit plan described in subsection (v)(4), if more than fifty
20 percent (50%) of the participants in the plan sponsor's benefit plan are
21 not employed in a single state, is considered to be the principal place
22 of business of the association, committee, joint board of trustees, or
23 other similar group of representatives of the parties that establish or
24 maintain the benefit plan and, in the absence of a specific or clear
25 designation of a principal place of business, is considered to be the
26 principal place of business of the employer or employee organization
27 that has the largest investment in the benefit plan in question on the
28 coverage date.

29 (y) "Receivership court" refers to the court in an insolvent insurer's
30 or impaired insurer's state that has jurisdiction over the conservation,
31 rehabilitation, or liquidation of the insolvent insurer or impaired
32 insurer.

33 (z) "Resident" means a person that resides or has the person's
34 principal place of business in Indiana on the applicable coverage date.

35 (aa) "State" includes a state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico,
36 and a United States possession, territory, or protectorate.

37 (bb) "Structured settlement annuity" means an annuity purchased to
38 fund periodic payments for a plaintiff or other claimant in payment for
39 or with respect to personal injury suffered by the plaintiff or other
40 claimant.

41 (cc) "Supplemental contract" means a written agreement entered
42 into for the distribution of proceeds under a life, health, or annuity

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policy or contract.

(dd) "Unallocated annuity contract" means an annuity contract or group annuity certificate:

(1) the owner of which is not a natural person; and

(2) that does not identify at least one (1) specific natural person as an annuitant;

except to the extent of any annuity benefits guaranteed to a natural person by an insurer under the contract or certificate. For purposes of this chapter, an unallocated annuity contract shall not be considered a group policy or group contract.

SECTION 57. IC 27-8-15-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 1. This chapter applies to any ~~individual or~~ group health insurance plan that is issued for delivery in Indiana to at least ~~three (3)~~ **two (2)** employees of a small employer located in Indiana if one (1) of the following conditions is met:

(1) Any part of the premium or benefits is paid by a small employer or any covered individual is reimbursed, whether through wage adjustments or otherwise, by a small employer for any part of the premium not including the administrative expenses of administering a payroll deduction plan where the employee contributes one hundred percent (100%) of the premium without reimbursement.

(2) The health benefit plan is treated by the employer or any of the covered individuals as part of a plan or program for purposes of Section 106 or 162 of the United States Internal Revenue Code.

SECTION 58. IC 27-8-15-8.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 8.5. (a) As used in this chapter, "eligible employee" means an employee:

(1) who is employed to work at least thirty (30) hours each week;
~~The term includes:~~

~~(A) a sole proprietor; and~~

~~(B) a partner in a partnership;~~

~~if the sole proprietor or partner is included as an employee under a health insurance plan of a small employer; and~~

(2) who meets an applicable waiting period required by a small employer before gaining coverage under a health insurance policy.

(b) The term includes:

(1) a sole proprietor;

(2) a partner in a partnership; and

(3) an owner of an S corporation;

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1 **regardless of whether the sole proprietor, partner, or owner is**
 2 **included as an employee for purposes of taxation of a small**
 3 **employer.**

4 ~~(b)~~ **(c)** The term does not include:

- 5 (1) an employee who works on a temporary or substitute basis; or
- 6 (2) a seasonal employee.

7 SECTION 59. IC 27-8-15-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 8 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 9. (a) Except as
 9 provided in section 28 of this chapter, as used in this chapter, "health
 10 insurance plan" or "plan" means any:

- 11 (1) hospital or medical expense incurred policy or certificate;
- 12 (2) hospital or medical service plan contract; or
- 13 (3) health maintenance organization subscriber contract;

14 provided to the employees of a small employer.

15 (b) The term does not include the following:

- 16 (1) Accident-only, credit, dental, vision, Medicare supplement,
- 17 long term care, or disability income insurance.
- 18 (2) Coverage issued as a supplement to liability insurance.
- 19 (3) Worker's compensation or similar insurance.
- 20 (4) Automobile medical payment insurance.
- 21 (5) A specified disease policy. ~~issued as an individual policy.~~
- 22 ~~(6) A limited benefit health insurance policy issued as an~~
- 23 ~~individual policy.~~

24 ~~(7)~~ **(6)** A short term insurance plan that:

- 25 (A) may not be renewed; and
- 26 (B) has a duration of not more than six (6) months.

27 ~~(8)~~ **(7)** A policy that provides a stipulated daily, weekly, or
 28 monthly payment to an insured during hospital confinement,
 29 without regard to the actual expense of the confinement;
 30 **indemnity benefits not based on any expense incurred**
 31 **requirement, including a plan that provides coverage for:**

- 32 (A) hospital confinement, critical illness, or intensive care;
- 33 or
- 34 (B) gaps for deductibles or copayments.

35 **(8) A supplemental plan that always pays in addition to other**
 36 **coverage.**

37 **(9) A student health plan.**

38 **(10) An employer sponsored health benefit plan that is:**

- 39 (A) provided to individuals who are eligible for Medicare;
- 40 and
- 41 (B) not marketed as, or held out to be, a Medicare
- 42 supplement policy.

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SECTION 60. IC 27-8-15-31 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 31. (a) If an eligible employee who has been continuously covered under a health insurance plan for at least ninety (90) days:

(1) loses coverage under the plan as the result of:

(A) termination of employment;

(B) reduction of hours;

(C) marriage dissolution; or

(D) attainment of any age specified in the plan; and

(2) is not eligible for continuation coverage under the federal Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985; and

~~(2)~~ **(3)** requests a conversion policy from the small employer insurer that insured the health insurance plan;

the individual is entitled to receive a conversion policy from the small employer insurer.

(b) A request under subsection ~~(a)(2)~~ **(a)** must be made within thirty (30) days after the individual loses coverage under the health insurance plan.

(c) The premium for a conversion policy issued under this section shall not exceed one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the rate that would have been charged under the small employer health insurance plan with respect to the individual if the individual had been covered as an eligible employee under the plan during the same period. If the health insurance plan under which the individual was covered is canceled or is not renewed, the rates shall be based on the rate that would have been charged with respect to the individual if the plan had continued in force, as determined by the small employer insurer in accordance with standard actuarial principles.

(d) A conversion policy issued under this section must be approved by the insurance commissioner as described in IC 27-8-5-1. The commissioner may not approve a conversion policy unless the policy and its benefits are:

(1) comparable to those required under IC 27-13-1-4(a)(2) through IC 27-13-1-4(a)(5);

(2) reasonable in relation to the premium charged; and

(3) in compliance with IC 27-8-6-1.

If the benefit limits of the conversion policy are not more than the benefit limits of the small employer's health insurance plan, the small employer insurer shall credit the individual with any waiting period, deductible, or coinsurance credited to the individual under the small employer's health insurance plan.

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(e) This section expires on the effective date of a mechanism enacted by the general assembly to offset the potential fiscal impact on small employers and small employer insurers that results from the establishment of a continuation policy under section 31.1 of this chapter.

SECTION 61. IC 27-13-2-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: **Sec. 10. (a) A health maintenance organization shall do the following:**

(1) Maintain a physical office in Indiana.

(2) If the health maintenance organization changes the location of the office maintained under subdivision (1), provide written notice to the department and all subscribers at least thirty (30) days before the location is changed, including the address and telephone number of the new location.

(b) A domestic health maintenance organization operating under this article is subject to the following:

(1) IC 27-1-7-11.

(2) IC 27-1-6-21.

SECTION 62. IC 27-13-34-12 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: **Sec. 12.** A limited service health maintenance organization operated under this chapter is subject to the following:

(1) IC 27-1-36 concerning risk based capital, unless exempted by the commissioner under IC 27-1-36-1.

(2) IC 27-13-2-10, concerning a change of office location.

~~(2)~~ **(3) IC 27-13-8, except for IC 27-13-8-2(a)(6) concerning reports.**

~~(3)~~ **(4) IC 27-13-9-3 concerning termination of providers.**

~~(4)~~ **(5) IC 27-13-10-1 through IC 27-13-10-3 concerning grievance procedures.**

~~(5)~~ **(6) IC 27-13-11 concerning investments.**

~~(6)~~ **(7) IC 27-13-15-1(a)(2) through IC 27-13-15-1(a)(3) concerning gag clauses in contracts.**

~~(7)~~ **(8) IC 27-13-21 concerning producers.**

~~(8)~~ **(9) IC 27-13-29 concerning statutory construction and relationship to other laws.**

~~(9)~~ **(10) IC 27-13-30 concerning public records.**

~~(10)~~ **(11) IC 27-13-31 concerning confidentiality of medical information and limitation of liability.**

~~(11)~~ **(12) IC 27-13-36-5 and IC 27-13-36-6 concerning referrals**

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1 to out of network providers and continuation of care.

2 ~~(+2)~~ (13) IC 27-13-40 concerning comparison sheets of services
3 provided by the limited service health maintenance organization.

4 SECTION 63. THE FOLLOWING ARE REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
5 JULY 1, 2010] IC 27-1-3.5-3; IC 27-1-3.5-3.5; IC 27-1-25-7.5;
6 IC 27-8-15-2; IC 27-8-15.5.

7 SECTION 64. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010] (a) **IC 27-8-15, as**
8 **amended by this act, applies to a health insurance plan (as defined**
9 **in IC 27-8-15-9) that is issued, entered into, delivered, amended, or**
10 **renewed after June 30, 2010.**

11 (b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2015.

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